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interview with Matt Dickinson - January 30

What you sow, you have to reap.

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6 I have got an inner belief and an inner

faith with God. I do believe spiritually

been here before. The physical body is

your spirit will go on to another life in a

mistakes when we are down here and

our spirit has to come back and learn.

That's why there is an injustice in the

into the world with terrible physical

The only reason people are saying I

should resign is that they are saying I

have come out and said that people

disabled and handicapped have been

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ever said that, I don't believe that. At

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But at this moment in time I did not

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day I want to put that on record

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has got everything right, physically and mentally.

interview with ITN - February 1

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problems and why there's a family who

we have to progress because we've

just an overcoat for your spirit. At

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death you take the overcoat off and

You and I have been physically given two hands and two legs and half-

decent brains. Some people have not been born like that for a reason. The karma is working from another lifetime. I have nothing to hide about that. It is not only people with disabilities.

'I was misconstrued' says England soccer coach as support continues to ebb away

FA to decide Hoddle's fate today

By Michael Harvey and Alex O'Connell

:NN HODDLE faces dissal as England's football :h today, in spite of launcha desperate counter-offenyesterday over his reks about the disabled.

loddie will meet senior thall Association officials morning and an an-incement about his future xpected around lunchtime. But support for Hoddle was oing away yesterday, and n the Prime Minister addhis voice to those saying at he should go. Tony Blair id in a interview on ITV's

us Morning programme at it would be very difficult r him to stay, adding: "If he id what he is reported to tve said in the way he is repried to have said it then I ink that was very wrong". The Nationwide, which gned a £8 million deal to consor the England team, iso pressed for the matter to e resolved. Mike Lazenby,

ne society's marketing direc-or, said: "Glenn Hoddle has ounderstand that as a person-lity he can't escape the fact hat he has a responsibility to nsure that his personal views houldn't be confused with hose of the England team, the FA or its sponsors."

Hoddle had earlier tried to salvage his job with a series of interviews with selected news organisations in which apolosed for the hurt the row had caused, while repeatedly saying that his remarks had been "misconstrued". He rejected the headline that appeared in The Times on Saturday — "Hoddle says disabled are paying price of sin" - but did not dispute the key passage of the interview when he said: "You and I have been physically given two hands and two legs and half-decent brains. Some people have not been born like that for a reason. The karma is

> Nove protests his innocence

Kenneth Noye protested his

innocence of the "road rage" murder of Stephen Cameron working from another life-

Peter Stothard, Editor of The Times, said that he was completely satisfied Hoddle had been quoted correctly and in context. He said: "The Times stands by its interview with Glenn Hoddle published in our Saturday edition. The remarks made by Glenn Hoddle to our reporter, Matt Dickin-son, are clearly recorded in his notebook and they reflect comments made by Glenn Hoddle in other circumstances. I am amazed and appalled at Mr



Hoddle's attempts at denial." Last night Hoddle's agent, Dennis Roach, said the England coach was considering issuing a writ against The Times and would be meeting lawyers today. Mr Roach said that Hoddle was blaming himself for "dropping his guard", but insisted: "What was stated in The Times was rubbish. He in no way mentioned the word punishment or disabled people being punished."

In one of his interviews yes-terday, Hoddle told ITN: "I'm not going to resign over this because at the end of the day I didn't say any of those things.
I want to put that on record because it has hurt people. That is that is the last thing I want to do." And he told Sky News:
"I am sorry for any distress it
may have caused and I have learnt that something so innocent can turn into something

He also said that he had received messages of support from some England players and added: "It might even pull us together even stronger." Asked if he would still be coach for England's friendly match against France next week, Hoddle replied: "I certainly hope so."

However, that will depend on what the FA decides today. Geoff Thompson, the acting chairman, saw Hoddle yesterday and promised that there would be no whitewash. "It is a serious matter," he said. "We will take into consideration the public opinion about Glenn. I want to know what happened

David Davies, the acting chief executive, said later: "Glenn Hoddle has given his version of events in a couple of TV interviews and those matters are being considered. Glenn will take the chance to say those things tomorrow." But many people - not only

— were unimthe disabled pressed with Hoddle's statements. His name was jeered by at a conference discussing discrimination against the dis-abled in Sweden and 68 per cent of the 13,000 people who took part in a telephone poll run by thought that he should step down.

☐ Matt Dickinson writes: Glenn Hoddle has changed his story so many times that I have lost track. Instead of issuing a proper denial, he is in denial. The only certainy is that he has yet to refute a single



Hoddle leaves his Finchampstead home, near Wokingham, yesterday. Photo: Austin Hargrave

quote that appeared in my original interview. He has disputed the meaning of a headline and nothing more. How could he do anything else

when he said every bit of it? He claims he has been misrepresented and, in the same breath, admits every word by saying it was off-the-record

and that he made a mistake by

letting down his guard. This is not the first time he has spoken out without thinking and tried to blame it on the messenger. The truth is that I was giving Hoddle the chance to distance himself from previous allegations that he thought the disabled were be-

ing punished for sins in a former life. Instead, he not only confirmed that view but expanded it.

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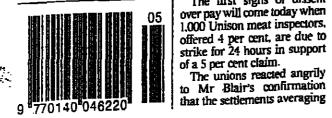
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THE Prime Minister last night announced inflationbusting pay awards of more than 4 per cent for 1.3 million public sector workers and 12 per cent for junior nurses.

in a clear sign that the Chancellor has relaxed his tight grip on public sector pay, the overnment agreed to honour in full the recommendations of the pay review body for nurses, doctors, the Armed Forces, teachers and top civil servants. Tony Blair also announced

that all the awards would be paid from April 1 apart from increases to primary and secondary school heads, which would be introduced in two Mr Blair said the settle-

ments were "fair and affordable" and consistent with improving public services. But his decision to go ahead with the awards with almost no reservations will give the impression to others in the public and the private sectors that aboveinflation awards are now ac-

The first signs of dissent over pay will come today when 1.000 Unison meat inspectors. offered 4 per cent, are due to strike for 24 hours in support

of a 5 per cent claim. The unions reacted angrily

that the settlements averaging

4.1 per cent and costing £1.5 billion would be met entirely from within existing budgets. Teaching unions threatened industrial action over their "low" awards while health service unions gave warning

that the money would have to come from front-line services. Nurses will get an average pay rise of 5.4 per cent, with jumior nurses seeing their pay jump to £14,400 — a 12 per cent rise - in an attempt to

solve the recruitment crisis in Ward nurses will receive an 8.2 per cent rise but nursing unions complained that the 4.7 per cent increase for other nursing staff was not high enough to solve recruitment problems, which were the subject of a £5 million recruitment campaign launched by the

Government last night. Doctors' organisations were also angry that they received average rises of only 3.5 per cent with hospital consultants getting 4.3 per cent.

Most teachers will get 3.5 per cent rises but the review bodies have decided to award a 9.5 per cent increase to primary school heads and 5.5 per cent to secondary school

In contrast, pay rises for the Armed Forces are higher for the lower ranks at 3.8 per cent and lower for captains at 3.7 per cent. Pay rises for top civil servants will range from 28 per cent, with those performing badly receiving no increase and high-fliers getting

up to 10.5 per cent. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said that the nurses' rise was the biggest in real terms for 10 years while David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, said they were in line with the Government's prudent approach to spendin

Rodney Bickerstaffe, the gen-eral secretary of Unison, the public service union, said that his delight over big awards for junior nurses was "tinged with disappointment that the pay review bodies had failed to re-

ward nursing assistants".
However, Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the Government "seems determined to push teachers to-wards industrial action" with the latest pay awards.

John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, added: "Despite these awards, it's still hard to discern a coherent and long-term strategy for public sector pay."

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Tighter cloning control on way

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND PETER RIDDELL

THE Government is preparing radical measures to re-build the confidence of the public in Britain's scientists after the BSE crisis.

Tighter controls and the reorganisation of the mass of regulatory bodies are expected to be proposed after a cross-Whitehall study. A Cabinet committee headed by Jack Cunningham, the Cabinet "enforcer", is preparing recommendations. Known as Misc 6, the committee is looking at biotechnology and "in particular, issues arising from genetic modification".

The moves are disclosed today by Stephen Byers, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in an interview with The Times. They come after clear signs of serious public concern, particularly among younger working-class women, about cloning, genetically modified food — "Frankenstein food" - and other scientific developments.

Mr Byers, the minister responsible for science, said that the Government faced a huge challenge in restoring confidence in what science and the scientists were doing. Some of the areas they were involved in "are debates about the very nature of life itself".

He said that although sci-Leading article, page 17 | ence was important in keeping that scientists can do things that are unacceptable. There has to be a degree of regulation," Mr Byers said. He made clear that the Government's main concerns were genetically modified food, cloning and biotechnology - the use of genetic engineering to produce drugs and crops. "We know from what happened with BSE that scientists and the politicians have to be far more open about what they are doing and why they are doing it. The public does not

Britain at the leading edge of

technology, it had to be done

in a way "that takes the public

with the scientists". He said

that there had to be far more

openness about what the scien-

tists were up to. "We do know

covered up and that ministers were not honest about what the impact was." Mr Byers said he would publish the findings of internal polling and a forthcoming poll by MORI for the regular "People's Panel" survey of public at-

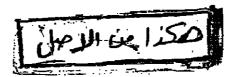
trust us because of BSE. They

say that the Government had

all the information and it was

titudes to government. He added that regulation should not be introduced in a way that prevented beneficial advances.

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If Hoddle is right, Margaret Hodge should be a warthog

ering on about his town's wonderful rugby union team at Culture. Media & Sport Questions, I wrestled with the problem of reincarnation. What had MacShane done in a previous life to deserve this indig-nity? Wrong question! What have we done to be punished by having to listen to him?

Who would raise the Hoddle Question - and how would Tony Banks answer it? The Sports Minister went straight over the wire within

minutes. when Ivor Caplin (Lab. Hove), said he thought Glenn Hoddle's views on reincarnation "outrageous". So, from the "hear-hear" which greeted him, did most MPs. "One damn thing after an-

spluttered Banks. There have been times I wondered what dreadful things I had done in a previous life — to end up as Sports Minister. I must have been Vlad the Impaler. And I feel all my impaling instincts coming

Impaied. Hoddle was des-

attacking him, your sketchrather as Banks seemed to But hold on. Consider for a moment the insulting views to which some of our own politi-cians' differing faiths lead

Has anyone read the First Commandment? Exodus amplifies God is a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation".

For Roman Catholic MPs



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

wine are literally converted into the body and blood of Christ Strange — if inoffensive: but the belief that people who use contraception, worn-en who have abortions, couples who divorce, and all practising homosexuals, may burn in Hell for their sins, is arguably quite insulting to a fairly large number of citizens. At least Hoddle was not

imputing wickedness to any living person. or proposing to hurt them. Ann Widdecombe has said she could not countenance abortion clinics, were she given the Health post she

Some Ulster Protestants believe the Pope is an agent of the Devil. To Scottish Calvinists we are all predestined and the Elect have already been

chosen by God Anglicans believe the British Queen rules by Divine Authority.
Many Jews subscribe to the harshest of views about certain minorities — upon Di-vine Authority. All practising Jews should believe that they

alone are God's chosen race. And to Muslims (whose votes hundreds of MPs assiduously seek), Islam assigns to the whole of womankind a status millions of British wom-en would consider profoundly

Examine the faiths of MPs and you may conclude that

Mr Hoddle's sin is not to hold wacky views of an offensive nature — but to hold them alone, unaccompanied by any significant bloc of British

voters or their representatives.

Margaret Hodge, the government minister who has called for Hoddle to be sacked, is lucky to have escaped, for she was very, very wicked in a previous life. As leader of a lunatic left-wing council, Islington, she over-saw the wreckage of the education of a whole generation of the borough's schoolchildren,

flew the Red Flag from the

cil unreformed, neglectful (to say the least) of its children's homes, heedless of its respon-sibilities to residents and close

and di to bankruptcy.
Now she has been reincarnated. In her new life she is new Labour, and Minister for the Disabled. Very cushy. If there were even a grain of truth in Mr Hoddle's philosophy, Mrs Hodge would be a

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Prescott under fire for £3,000 helicopter trip

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

JOHN PRESCOTT was accused of living like a king yesterday after admitting that he chartered a private helicopter to Nottingham instead of taking a train for £60. The estimated cost is up to £3,000.

The Deputy Prime Minister, who has two Jaguars, flew back to the Commons in time to hear Gordon Brown announce to MPs a £2 billion puckage to find alternatives to the private car.

Mr Prescott is already under attack for spending about £30,000 flying at public expense for commitments including switching on the Blackpool Illuminations and presenting a rugby cup at Wembley...

The disclosure threatens to reignite the row over ministerial spending after it was disclosed that Jack Cunningham used private chartered flights seven times around Europe. He is also alleged to have unnecessarily used Concorde. Mr Prescott flew by helicop-

ter to Nottingham on July 14 last year to open the Capital One Bank's European headquarters. He returned to the Commons to listen to Gordon Brown's spending review which acknowledged how difficult it has become to get anywhere in Britain by land. The Chancellor told MPs:



Prescott has often urged public to use cars less

"Anvone who travels on our roads and railways knows that after years of neglect and under-investment Britain sufers from an overcrowded, under-financed, under-planned and under-maintained trans-

Mr Prescott, who has a Jaguar XJ8 for official duties and another at home, has repeatedly preferred his car to public transport. He once caught the train from Scarborough after opening a party office, then jumped into one of his Jaguars three miles down the track. Yet he has exhorted Britons to cut back on car use. He made a much-publicised attack on the school run, which causes a fifth of rush-hour journeys. Mr Prescott has travelled by

to see the Queen. The RAF flew him to Manchester for a Local Government Association conference. They have flown him to Brus-

sels twice and Riga once. During Britain's European Union presidency, Mr Prescott flew by RAF to European cities including Luxembourg, Copenhagen, Oslo, Frankfurt, Stockholm, Lisbon, Madrid. Amsterdam and Vienna. The average cost of 11 flights was

times since Labour won the

general election in May 1997.

Deputy Prime Minister, he

travelled by helicopter from

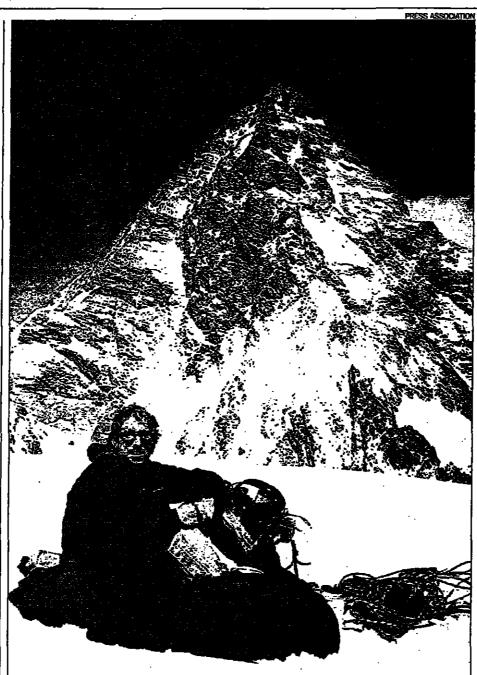
Wembley, where he watched the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final and presented the

trophy, to Kensington Palace

Two days after becoming

Mr Prescott's admission about Nottingham came in a written answer to Gillian Shephard, the Conservative spokesman for Environment Trans-

port and the Regions. She said that ministers appeared to have been seduced by the good life. "To terrorise mothers on the school run saying that they are contributing more than most to pollution while at the same time soaring about in the skies at taxpayers' expense and vastly increasingly pollution is incredible. They



Jemmison Fisher: he died after being trapped in blizzards for at least four days

Climber knew the risk, says mother

By Shirley English

THE mother of a climber who froze to death on a French mountain said yesterday that her son knew the risks and died doing what he loved.

Jemmison Fisher, 28, from Edinburgh, died on a ridge in the Mont Blane range after at least four days trapped in 80mph blizzards and tempera-tures of -30C. His companion, Jamie Andrew, 29, also from Edinburgh, is in intensive care in Chamonix, where he is expected to remain for at least

Pam Fisher, speaking from her home in Oxford, said: "We are completely devastated, but we are very clear he was doing what he loved doing and it was something which lit up his life. We talked a lot in the family of the risks and dangers and he was prepared to accept those risks. He always said if anything happened to him, those who were left behind were not to grieve - easier said than done.

Mr Fisher and Mr Andrew were well known in Scottish climbing circles for finding new routes up Scottish peaks. Kevin Howett, of the Mountaineering Council for Scot-land, said: "These two lads would have become one of the country's most famous climb-

ed. talented climbers." The two men were very aware of safety issues and did not have a reputation for taking any sort of risks, he said.

The GMC says that, although

doctors must be able to prove

they are competent, they

should not be required to sit

examinations again. They will

need to maintain a "profile" of

their performance containing

a record of their continuing

educational activity, a port-

folio of wider professional

development and a record of

participation in clinical audit

This portfolio would be regu-

larly appraised by the doctor's peers. This would be an exten-

sion of the medical royal coll-

eges' regular visits to hospitals and surgeries to review the

Although all doctors would

ultimately be covered by this

scheme, the GMC says that it

will probably be possible only to phase it in for the different

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NEWS IN BRIEF Family die of fume poisoning

A family of four were found dead at their home yesterday from carbon monoxide poisoning. The bodies of Beverly and Jeffrey Cheetham, both 36, and their sons Christopher, 10, and Carl, 8, were discovered in

Brimington, Derbyshire. Neighbours called police after noticing that the curtains had remained drawn since Sunday. Officers broke down the door and several were overcome by gas and were later tak-

en to hospital for tests. The body of Gladys Stevens, 79, was also found, next door. Police initially said her death was being investigated in connection with those of the family, but later doubted that she was killed by poisonous gas.

Derbyshire police said yesterday: "At this stage we are not treating any of the deaths as suspicious."

Smear payout

A woman found to be suffering from cervical cancer after a GP allegedly failed to advise her to have a smear test accepted £65,000 in settlement of her High Court damages claim. Helen Barthorpe, 39, of Bath, was suing Susan Ball, of Herne Hill, southeast London. who denied negligence.

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Teenage thugs

Four teenagers were detained for a total of eight years by Lewes Crown Court, East Sussex, for a gang attack. Two girls aged 13 and 14 and two boys aged 13 and 16 struck a boy of 15 with a metal chain, a nails and platform shoes. He

Jagger 'fraud'

Jerry Hall is considering su-ing Mick Jagger for fraud and false pretences if he continues to claim that the couple were not legally married. She is dis-cussing the option with her divorce lawyers after the singer's claim that their Hindu wedding ceremony in 1990 has no legitimacy in British courts.

Fears over boy

An Exeter schoolbov is feared to have been killed after agreeing to meet two men. Police are searching for George Mortimer, Ió, who was last seen on Friday. The rugby captain had just won a scholarship to a public school and his parents say there was no reason for him to have disappeared.

Killed by feathers

A woman who spent 20 years working at home making feather flies for sea anglers died from "Pigeon Fanciers" Lung", a Liverpool inquest was told. Pat O'Brien, 66, was a victim of the respiratory disease caused by an allergic reaction to feathers. Verdict: death by industrial disease.

Privacy row

Plans for a register of personal relationships between staff at Bradford University have outraged lecturers, who say it is intrusive and impugns their integrity. Managers insist the idea is only at the consultation stage. The university said one of the code's intentions was to avoid claims of unfair bias.

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to get cash back for benefit loss

By James Landale POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of pensioners who are losing benefit payments because of a massive computer failure are to receive compensation.

Ministers had promised to compensate only those pensioners and widows who had been underpaid by more than £100. But the Government yesterday bowed to Tory pressure and extended the compensation to all pensioners.

Nearly 400,000 people could receive at least £10 if they lost out as a result of a breakdown in the computer system at the Contributions Agency. The new system, designed to record national insurance numbers, is so faulty that benefits are being estimated for more than a million

Speaking during a debate on the Social Security Contri-butions (Transfer of Func-tions) Bill. Baroness Hollis of Heigham told peers: "Whoever's fault the problem is, it was not caused by widows and pensioners. So we accept that they should suffer no loss."

She said those who did not qualify under existing rules and had experienced "unreasonable delay" would get a "minimum £10 payment on top of the arrears".

Pensioners | Doctors to face regular checks

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

formance checks to make sure they are keeping abreast of treatments and to ensure they remain competent, the General Medical Council said yesterday. Where a doctor is seen to be falling below standard, the

DOCTORS need regular per-

council says everything possi-ble should be done to help remedy the faults. In the "exceptional circumstances" where serious deficencies emerged. then the GMC would be asked to consider suspension or removal from the register.
The GMC said that there

was strong public and Government pressure for early progress in setting up a system to ensure that all doctors are fit to practise. The pressure comes after last year's GMC inquiry into babies who died undergoing heart surgery

at Bristol Royal Infirmary.

Horse trainer held A RACEHORSE owner was among ten suspects being in-terviewed by detectives yester-

day after the seizure of cocaine

en route to Britain (Stewart Tendler writes). Graham Piper was arrested by officers from the National Crime Squad, who also searched his farm at Wendo-

He owns Nipper Read, named after the detective who arrested the Kray Twins.

worth £11.5 million in Belgium A two-year investigation resulted in 169kg of cocaine being found in a house outside Ostend. Six suspects were arrested at Heathrow and police searched houses at Runwell. Essex, and seized cannabis.

'Blair Unedited' comes unstuck

By ROLAND WATSON POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE new government media strategy designed to sidestep gossip and trivia saw Tony Blair sinking into a limegreen sofa and talking about his old rock band, his family holiday snap-

shots and Humphrey the cat.

This Morning, the Granada show hosted by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnegan, was the forum chosen for the Prime Minister to leave the tittle-tattle of Westminster behind and address his public directly. Downing Street has devised the new policy to stop government policies being eclipsed by ministerial Concorde flights or the schooling of the

But the first outing of Blair Unedited was of questionable success. Mr Blair dealt with public-sector pay announce-ments, Northern Ireland, Kosovo and Glenn Hoddle, but then discovered, to his apparent unease, that voters are in-

terested in gossip.

One caller wanted to know if, as Baroness Thatcher recently asserted, he was bossy. Mr Blair replied that he was much more likely to lose his temper with the children than with a minister. That appeared to breach No 10's own decree that the children are out of

bounds and sparked Tory charges of

"gross hypocrisy". It was less than a week since the Blairs complained to the Press Complaints Commission about re-

ports of their daughter's schooling.

An increasingly edgy-looking Mr

Blair had to go with the flow as he was
asked: How were the children coping? Do they take the mickey out of you? Do they bring their friends home? Do their friends mates feel nervous of you? To which he replied "Very well", "Merci-lessly", "Yes", and "No, they are very easy about it."

The outing will be followed by a great-er concentration of the Downing Street media efforts on the regional, ethnic women's and foreign press.

Mother distraught at nanny's dreams

Evidence of a carer's fondness for) the baby she killed proved deeply distressing, reports Richard Duce

A MOTHER whose baby was shaken to death by the Australian nanny Louise Sullivan screamed in court yesterday after hearing evidence that the killer still dreamt fondly about

Climber

risk, says

mother

Muriel Jongen's distress shocked the Old Bailey hearing as a doctor giving evidence on Sullivan's behalf said that the nanny still grieved for the six-month-old girl.

Mrs Jongen, who is French, had initially sat quietly through the hearing at which Sullivan, 27, faced sentence for the manslaughter of Caroline Jongen in April last year. Then came the evidence of Henry Kennedy, a consultant psychiatrist, who was asked by Nadine Radford, QC, Sullivan's barrister, for a current appraisal of the nanny's feel-

ings about the death.
Dr Kennedy replied: "She tells me there isn't a day that goes by that she doesn't remember baby Caroline. She thinks what she would be doing now if she were still there. She dreams about the baby, she describes dreams in a sense which is emotionally

This is a common phenomenon in someone working through the loss of someone of

One of the group ejected

'Air rage'

group

whom they were very fond." By now Mrs Jongen was clearly in distress and, when Dr Kennedy said that Sullivan, who has an IQ of only 81, was under stress from the court proceedings, the mother began to scream.

Mrs Jongen, who had been sitting behind Nigel Sweeney. the prosecution barrister, was led from the court by her Dutch-born husband, Marcel, a banker. Sullivan, dressed in a brown suit, appeared bemused by the outbreak of emotion and was led passively

The case was halted temporarily but, as it became clear that Mrs Jongen was in no condition to return quickly, the court adjourned early for lunch. When it reconvened, Mr and Mrs Jongen, of Cricklewood, northwest London, were back in their seats.

At an earlier hearing last month, Sullivan, from Fairlight, Sydney, admitted man-slaughter, but denied shaking the baby hard after the child appeared to have a fit.

While accepting her plea because there was no evidence of premeditation, the prosecution said that there was evidence of "severe force" and that the fatal injuries to the



Muriel Jongen: led from court by her husband

child were consistent with the brain being shaken "like a jelly in a mould".

As Miss Radford sought to convince the judge, Mr Justice Mitchell, that Sullivan needed treatment and not imprison-ment, Dr Kennedy and Sarah Henley, a psychologist, de-scribed how Sullivan was born without a thyroid gland. The condition was not detect-

ed until she was ten weeks old and was to have a profound effect on her intelligence. Her IQ, when tested, put her "at the bottom end of the belowaverage range of intellectual

Sullivan faced a high risk of

the consequences of her actions, their impact had still to

"I think she has still to fully understand what has happened. She seems to accept she must not be in charge of babies or others who are dependent on her." Dr Henley said she believed that Sullivan had probably reverted to an established medical practice known as "shake and shout" in trying to revive Caroline.

Dr Kennedy said he be-lieved that Sullivan's thyroid condition meant she would have a tendency towards depression and anxiety. Her par-ents had separated when she was eight and, while most children would prove resilient, Sullivan would lack the ability to bounce back and cope in

The court has heard that Sullivan had many references and an impressive CV when she was appointed to the

The Jongens left Sullivan at home with their daughter on April 17 before going to work. At ilam an ambulance was called and Sullivan telecalled and Sullivan telephoned a neighbour, who described her as sounding "pan-icky". The child was taken to Great Ormond Street hospital, where she died on April 21.

The judge said he would need time to consider the medical evidence produced on Sulli-



Louise Sullivan yesterday: the court was told she needed treatment, not imprisonment

Woman tells of sea rescue by seals

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A WOMAN rescued after struggling vainly for an hour against strong currents in an icy sea claimed yesterday that she had been saved by a group of seals.

Charlene Camburn, 30, got into difficulties as she tried to swim for help when she, her six-year-old son and her boyfriend were caught by the rising tide on a sandbank. But instead of reaching the shore she found herself being swept out to sea. Then, she says, six seals surrounded her and stopped her drifting farther from land until a lifeboat crew spotted her and the seals.

The drama began at 5.30 on Sunday night after she and Chris Tomlinson, 36, had taken her son, Brogan, to the Don-na Nook sandbanks on the Lincolashire coast, near Cleethorpes, to watch the seals.

Brian Bevan, coxswain of the Humber lifeboat, eventually spotted Ms Camburn swimming among the seals. "I don't think she would have lasted very much longer. She could easily have been com-pletely missed and carried out to sea in the darkness."

Back at home after recover ing from hypothermia. Ms Camburn said: "I haven't the slighest doubt the seals helped to save me. There were about half a dozen, big and noisy. They were barking loudly and I was so near them I could touch them. They seemed to stop me where I was."

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stranded By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JAMES BONE

TWELVE British holidaymakers were stranded in the United States last night, 24 hours after being ordered off a charter aircraft following a drunken dispute.

The six men and six women were forced to abandon their holiday after the Jamaicabound Airtours jet made an unscheduled stop in Norfolk, Virginia, to eject them Last night the group was still unable to arrange flights home and did not have their luggage, which

was flown to Jamaica.
The extended family group, most of whom are from Lewisham, southeast London, also face the threat of a £20,000 claim from Airtours to cover the cost of diverting the plane.

those ejected, said that they had been enjoying an "Irish singsong" when another passenger threw a drink over him. "I feel guilty because now the rest of them have been punished." ☐ Airlines yesterday met govways of improving the reporting of disruptive passengers.

SOME ducks must die so

that others may live, the Environment Minister has

Michael Meacher has au-

thorised a controversial cull

of the ruddy duck, a species

originally introduced from

the United States by the or-

nithologist Sir Peter Scott.

escaped, multiplied and

spread to Europe, inter-

breeding with the rare

white-headed duck. This

threatens the future of the

white-headed duck, now

down to 1,000 birds, all of

Yesterday Mr Meacher

announced a trial cull in the

West Midlands, Anglescy

and Fife to see if it is feasi-

which breed in Spain.

Ruddy ducks have since

Britons try to boycott terror trial

FROM DANIEL MCGRORY IN ADEN

GUARDS jabbed rifle butts into the backs of five Britons yesterday to force them back into court after they tried to boycott their trial in Yemen on terrorism charges. For several minutes, they struggled with about 15 guards at the foot of the narrow stairs leading up to the dock, complaining of "a kangaroo court".

As lawyers on both sides harangued the judge about this latest interruption, sounds of struggle could be heard clearly as soldiers hauled the men into No I Court. It took three guards to manhandle off 3m Shahid Butt, 33, a student from Birmingham. One of the visiting friends from Britain who tried to reach the men was shoved away by a guard who

shouted: "Get out, you dog." As the melée in the dock threatened to spill into the public gallery, several more officers clambered over the wooden benches and hurled themselves at the accused while Judge Gamal Ahmed Omar tried to restore order.

The threatened boycott had come after another refusal by the judge to let the Britons the prosecutors gestured for the defence team to make their clients return, Sheikh Tariq Abdullah, their senior counsel, sharply replied: "I will do no such thing."

Security chiefs are infuriated at newspaper reports of the men's claims that they had confessions tortured out of them and that some were sexually abused. Prosecutors feel that the torture claims are divert-

Duck cull prompts

call of ruddy racism

Ruddy duck: guns will

start firing in the spring

of ruddy ducks. He has

accepted advice from the

White Headed Duck Task

Force, which recommends

trying to exterminate the

ruddy duck in Britain with-

The guns will start firing

in the spring, with the aim

of killing as many ruddy

ducks as possible. Where

shooting is not feasible.

humane trapping will be

în ten years.

ing attention away from what they insist is proof that the men planned to blow up targets in Aden, including the British Consulate and an inter-national hotel, on Christmas

they continued to make allegations to the press, they would not be allowed prison visits.

> yesterday, police recounted how Mohsen Ghailan, 18, stepson of the London cleric Abu Hamza, was stopped at a roadblock in a hired car packed with explosives and weapons. The police claim that it was

a routine search prompted by meet their clients.

cult, saying: "The bird-

watching anoraks won't tol-

erate this mixing of blood. They object not only cause they are offended by

the idea of genetic impurity

but because it makes it

more difficult to compile

the lists of birds seen

through their binoculars."

Mr Meacher said that it

had been a difficult deci-

sion to take, but it had been

taken because "we have a

duty to maintain, as far as

we can, the diversity of

Mr Tyler said that that

was nonsense: if the white-

headed duck were a distinct

species, it would not inter-

breed with the ruddy duck.

he said. The cull amounted

to "species racism".

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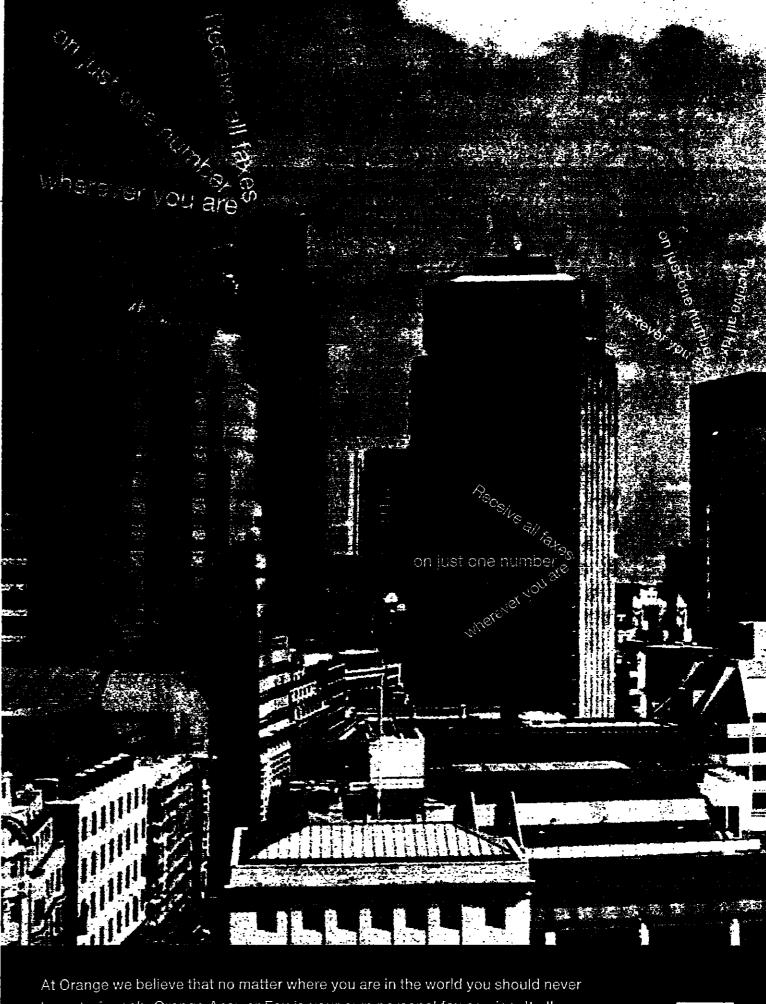
Television and press cameras were banned yesterday, although the judge allowed the state network to continue filming as "we can control them".

The five Britons and an Algerian deny being part of an Is-lamic bomb plot. In evidence

the Britons driving in the dark on the wrong side of the road but that they roared away in an 80mph car chase that ended when they crashed their vehicle in Aden. Defence lawyers refused to cross-examine any one until they had access to the case files. Judge Omar called a halt after less than two hours, and gave the defence four days to read the case files and to

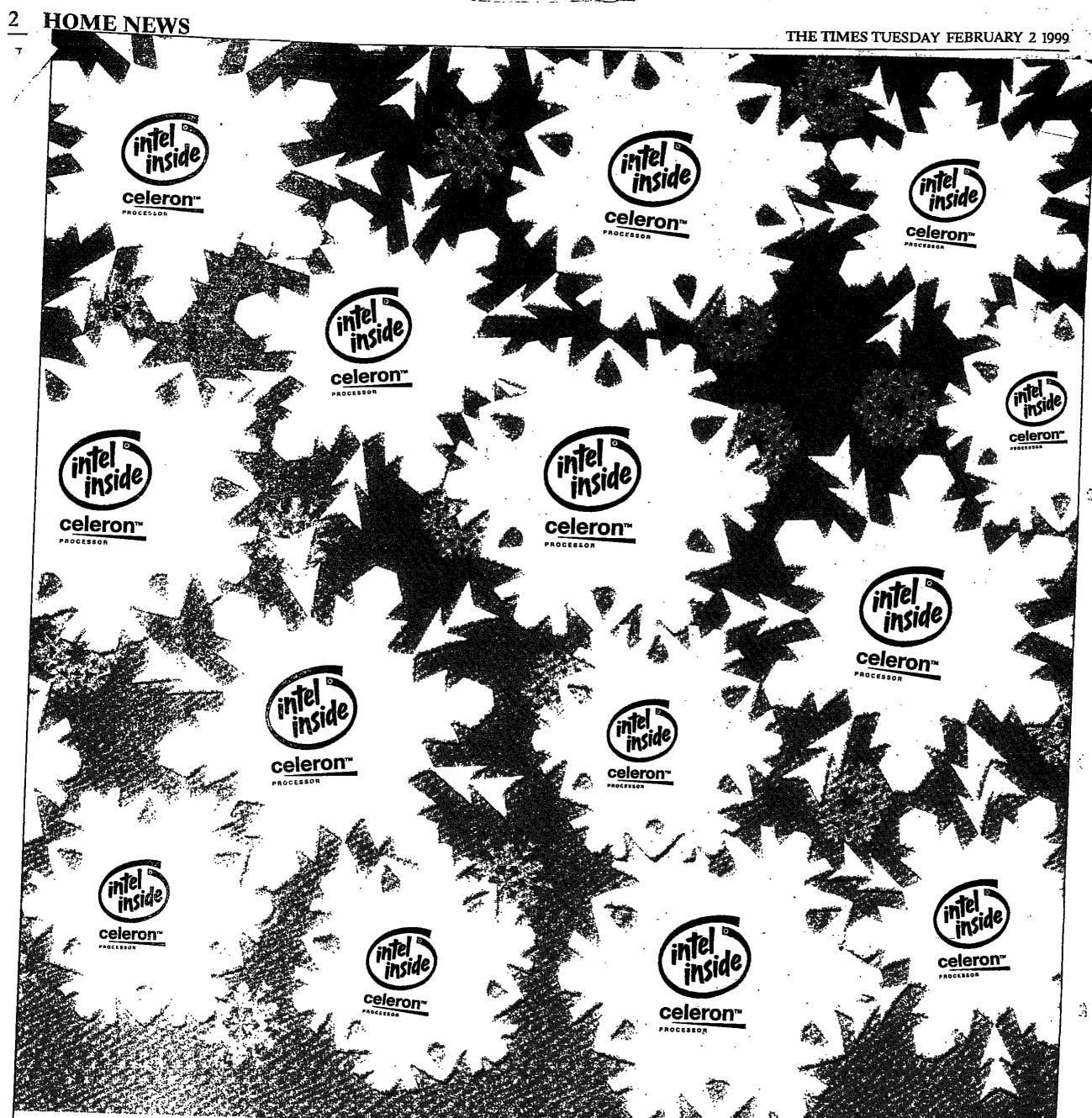
☐ A British oil worker, Patrick Walsh, was kidnapped by armed tribesmen at his compound in the Marib region of northern Yemen. However, he was returned with an apology three hours later after they realised that he was not





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BLACK motorist who claimed that he was stopped by police 34 times in two years failed yesterday in his attempt to sue a police force for racial

in the first case of its kind Carl Josephs. 27, had used the civil courts in an effort to gain compensation from West Mid-lands Police officers whom he accused of racial harassment. abuse of office and false imprisonment. But, after nearly two days of deliberation, a jury at Birmingham High Court found against Mr Josephs on nine counts and failed to reach a decision on four others.

Earlier during the 12-day hearing, Richard Wakerely, QC, the Recorder, had directed the jury, which included two black men, to consider only 13 counts as Mr Josephs had no documentary proof of the 21 others. Mr Josephs had told the court that he "lived in fear of persecution" by officers, and that it had forced him to sell his red MG Metro and catch buses to work. He also had to take medical advice for

The jury's findings were greeted with disbelief by Mr Josephs' supporters, who had packed the courtroom during.



Josephs: he won £1,000 for false imprisonment

the hearing. Outside, Mr Josephs said: "I am sickened by the outcome of this case. This decision has completely shattered my confidence in the police force. This has let down all car drivers who suffer from police harassment, both black and white.

"It's a shame that the police always say to the black com-munity. Come to us, we'll listen to you and your problems. How can anyone have any faith in the police if they treat me like they have done and then get away with it?"
Despite the decision and the

cost of the case, most of which will be met by the Legal Aid Board, with the remainder pleased to have gone ahead

"I don't think this was a pointless exercise because even the police aren't stupid enough to stop me again without a good reason," he said.

Lee Jasper, the director of London-based black civil and human rights charity the 1990 Trust, said that he was angered by the result of the case, though not surprised. The criminal justice system has yet again failed the black community in a case which demon-strated clear-cut, gross dis-

crimination," he said.
He also raised the possibility that the black community in Birmingham might react angrily. "After the Stephen Lawrence case and inquiry. I'd say the prospect of demonstrations by the black community demanding their human rights is very likely," he said. In a small victory for Mr Josephs. West Midlands Po-

lice agreed to pay him £1,000 in damages for false imprison-ment for an alleged motoring offence in September 1996. His conviction was quashed on appeal last year and Mr Wakerley yesterday ordered the jury to find for Mr Josephs in that

Expert lawyers to handle medical negligence work

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

MILLIONS of pounds of public money are likely to be saved under an approved scheme for medical negligence claims, which, from this week, will allow only about 200 franchised solicitors in England

and Wales to handle the work. At present any solicitor can represent people on legal aid who claim negligence by hospital doctors, GPs, dentists or other clinical practitioners. More than 3,000 solicitors a year bring cases. But there is a

high rate of failure and nearly half the cases end without a trial or settlement, costing the taxpaper about £14 million in legal aid fees.

From this week, only solicitors who are franchised under the Legal Aid Board's quality assurance scheme may bring cases. To win a franchise they must prove specialist compe-tence and membership of a professionally accredited panel. Because of the much re-

gal advice, approved solicitors will be expected to travel to people with potential claims who find it difficult to reach

Legal Aid Board figures for 1996-97 show that damages won by specialist solicitors averaged £48,500, compared with £18,000 for non-specialists. For every £1 they cost in legal aid fees, the specialist solicitors won £4.10 in damages, compared with £1.70 for other



Meggie Gan puts her £4 an hour for school cleaning towards a place at Cambridge

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

WHEN Meggie Gan's class-mates pack their books to go home, she puts on her overalls and starts work as a cleaner at her own school.

The Chinese A-level student is working to pay for the place she has been offered at Cambridge University. Meggie, 18, works for four hours every night at Bruton School for Girls in Somerset, where she has a scholarship.

All the £4.03 an hour she earns for 20 hours a week at the day and boarding school will go towards the £14,000-ayear cost of her university place. During the holidays she works as a waitress. Her after-school chores in-

clude scrubbing and polish-

Polishing up on her maths

ing floors, emptying bins and cleaning lavatories. Then she sits down to study.

Meggie said yesterday: "I am tired sometimes. But I am really delighted to be here and I don't mind if that means being a cleaner. Some day there will be a lot of work for me to do when I return to China and I want to be able

to help my own country." A gifted mathematician. she was encouraged to write to British schools by an English teacher on temporary placement at her school in China. She tearfully left her widowed mother after win-ning a £9,000-a-year scholarship to Bruton and is expect-

After two successive gold medals in the UK Mathemat-ics Challenge, Trinity Col-lege, Cambridge, offered her a place reading maths and physics. But she must satisfy the college that she can fi-

ed to gain five As at A level.

nance her education. Ann Napier, acting headteacher of the 620-girl school, said: "She is so independent and she is willing to work exceptionally hard to achieve her goals. I'm sure she will be rewarded for all her efforts."

Church shuns millennium baby race

A TELEVISION event aimed at creating millennium babies has been attacked by church and family groups for devalu-ing human life. March 17 has been identified as the best date to begin efforts for conceiving a child to be born on January I, 2000, and ITV plans an evening of "sex-oriented programming to get the nation in the mood".

Controversy over Birth Race 2000 yesterday centred on a one-hour documentary being made by Yorkshire TV, featuring ten couples hoping to have their child born on the first day of 2000. The company has begun a search for couples prepared to allow access to their pregnancies and YTV is also approaching hospitals across the country to be in maternity units on January 1.

Two follow-up programmes will chart the developments of successful pregnancies and the producers hope to have their carneras in at the birth. But churchmen said the idea devalued human life and encouraged people to have ba-

bies just to get on television.

A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church said: "It's making a mockery of what a child is about. Having a child to get on TV must be the height of absurdity." Gavin Drake, a spokesman for the Evangelical Alliance, said: "A baby is for life, not just the millennium. What matters is whether a couple feel able to of-

fer a lifetime of love and care. not which couple can be the

first to deliver on one date." Pippa Smith, of Families Involved in Raising Media Awareness, which campaigns against immoral and explicit material, said: "You have to wonder how low some TV companies will go. It's treating peo-

ple like guinea pigs."

A YTV spokeswoman insisted that couples were being asked to take part only if they had already intended to have children around the new year: They will not be paid for par-ticipating and they will be screened very carefully. If we find they are doing it just to get on television, then they will be dropped immediately.

"Having the birthdate 1.1.2000 will be a bonus in life for a child and quite cool, but we are not encouraging people to get pregnant for TV entertainment." There was no guarantee that any of its potential mothers would give birth on January I, but "it would be fantastic if our couples were still

YTV also plans a wildlife programme on sexual attraction to be shown on what has become known as "Bonk Night", the exact date of which has yet to be fixed. David Lid-diment, ITV Director of Programmes, said: "YTV as come up with a truly original idea. which will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to have some fun on the night."

Doctor denies stalking charge

yesterday charged with harass-ing a midwife.

Michael Dale, an anaesthetist, of Blackpool, denied stalking Shantel Airey and her fiance Andrew Weatherburn.

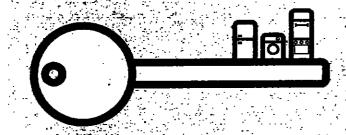
Preston magistrates were told that Dr Dale had been seen by Miss Airey around the Royal Preston Hospital and in the hospital car park. He once appeared 200 miles away in Berwick-upon-Tweed when Miss Airey had gone to stay

A DOCTOR appeared in court with Dr Weatherburn's parents on the Scottish border, the court was told.

Dr Dale is charged with offences between May 8 and August 8, 1998, but the court was told that, previously, he had waited outside Miss Airey's house and her gym and once followed her to a friend's home. He is also charged with harassing Dr Weatherburn between June 14 and August 9

last year. The case continues.

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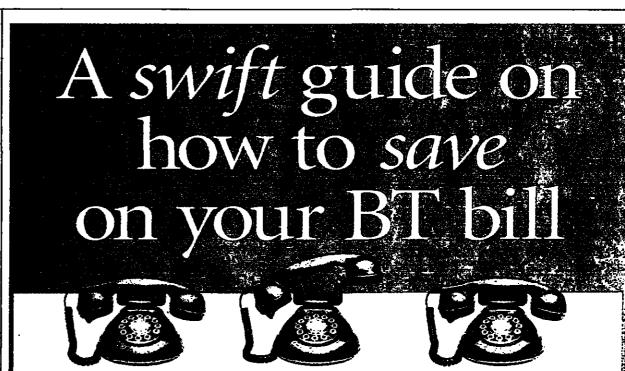
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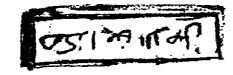
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Selective memory of a tarnished talent England coach has long shown an inept touch with the media By Russell Kenneyon ALENN HODDLE was reired dimoughout the land for sublime skills as a player I diab and country. As a Nyermanager with Swin Land Hoddle Subremanger with Swin Land Hoddle Subremanger with Swin Land Hoddle La

for club and country. As a player-manager with Swin-don Town and Chelsea, he was regarded as one of the country's brightest young managerial talents. The world awaited his smooth transformation from one of the lads to big-time boss.

It did not happen and, perhaps, never will. Since succeeding Terry Venables as England coach 21: years ago, his standing has fallen swiftly and spectacularly. He has become an increasingly isolated figure, still hugely confident in his own ability yet unable to accept the opinions or criticism of others.

Many of his problems have been self-inflicted, with his deep mistrust of the press the omnipresent pack that accompanies the international squad on its travels - having grown to the point of paranoia. Long gone are the honeymoon days of his early reign. when the media treated him with sympathy and respect.

During the World Cup finals in France last summer. much of the British press was upset because England's eveof-match press conferences left them guessing. If Hoddle said a player was injured, it was possible that he might play the next day: if Hoddle said the player was fit, he could well be

Before the vital group match against Romania, Hoddle decreed that Gareth Southgate. the Aston Villa defender, should masquerade as a picture of health. Hoddle recalled the incident without a hint of remorse, in his post-World

qualms about it; I was just doing my job as a coach.

"Gareth was very honest to me about his injury but his disappointment was obvious. The press wanted to talk to him and I didn't want to block it. I told him and all the players to stick to the line that the team hadn't been named and that Gareth was making progress (which he was).

"Let's be clear - the Romanians would have been delight-

⁶ Publicly, most England players express confidence in

him; privately, many have lost all respect?

ed to be told in advance that Gareth wasn't playing." Hoddle dismissed it as managerial mind games, a common pracnce among coaches and managers at every level. However. Southeate was uncomfortable with the charade.

The Arsenal and England defender Tony Adams was not impressed by Hoddle, either. and said so in his book, Addicted, which was also published after the World Cup finals. He claimed that Hoddle had treated some of the play-

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before England's European Championship qualifying game against Sweden in September - an excruciating piece of stage management by the Football Association -Hoddle appeared to be unmoved by Adams's recollec-tions. Tony would not have

known half the situation." he

said blandly. "It's just his opin-

ion as a player." He could hardly object to Ad-ams's tone. His own kiss-andtell memoirs of France 98 had already embarrassed many of his players, particularly Paul Gascoigne. Although Gas-coigne had been left out of the squad, and reacted emotionally on hearing the news, Hod-dle chose to retell the tale in all its gory detail.

He earned £200,000 from the book and a further amount from its serialisation in The Sun, yet when the articles appeared, under predictably lurid headlines, Hoddle expressed his annoyance, particularly at "Drunk Gazza trashed by room".

Hoddle said: "Things like 'Gazza trashed my room' are just not in the book. I lelt I would only go into that situa-[of serialisation] with some control over the headlines. The balance was right apart from that headline. which could not have been further from the truth.

have allowed it to go in, but the control was out of my hands. At the end of the day. the fax machine was broken." Hoddle once said that Michael Owen, who scored

England's most memorable

There was no way I would

When all was champion: Glenn Hoddle showing his delight as England clinched their World Cup final place after drawing 0-0 against Italy

goal of the tournament, was not a "natural goalscorer" and then denied it, claiming that his comments had been misinterpreted by the journalist who spoke to him. After Paul Ince had been sent off in the game against Sweden, and then flicked a V-sign at the England bench as he walked off. Hoddle said: "I don't know who it was aimed at. The only issue is him backchaming the referee.

Publicly, most of the England players still express their confidence in Hoddle; privately, many of them have lost all respect. He sees what he and has the most selective of

former wife, will testify. On Hoddle's return from France, the FA issued a state-ment. It read: "The England coach, Glenn Hoddle, wishes it to be known that with great sadness he has separated from his wife. This is a personal and private matter ... nobody else is involved."

On January 5 this year, the marriage was ended in court on the ground that it had irretrievably broken down. The court was told that Hoddle had admitted adultery.

Stout defender fights to hold the line

By Kevin McCarra and PHILIP WEBSTER

DAVID DAVIES, the acting chief executive of the Football Association, has been fielding calls from disabled people complaining about Glenn Hoddle.

Yesterday's newspapers had reported widespread condem-nation of Hoddle's remarks from within the Government. Margaret Hodge, the Minister for the Disabled, was the first to break cover and call outright for his resignation.

But Mr Davies's own experience at the Lancaster Gate FA headquarters at the hands of angry callers and the knowledge of the Government's views may have been the final nail for the beleaguered Eng-

land coach. Mr Davies has been one of Hoddle's stoutest defenders and en-wrote his book about last year's World Cup, which resulted in both of them being pilloried by the media. The former BBC correspond-

ent has good links with the Labour Government and was last year tipped to join it as a spin-doctor. He is understood to have had several conversations with Downing Street officials in recent days.

At the moment it is vital for Mr Davies to maintain good relations with the Government. England's bid for the 2006 World Cup is on the table; the Prime Minister has played a big behind-the-scenes role in putting the home case to Sepp Blatter, president of Fifa. Tony Banks, the Sports



Davies: discussions with **Downing Street officials**

Minister, has toured Fifa countries with the likes of Bobby Charlton to push for support. The FA needed to reassert

its control. Last month Keith Wiseman followed the example of Graham Kelly, the chief executive, by resigning as chairman after the scandal over unauthorised payments to the Football Association of Wales. Geoff Thompson, the acting chairman of the FA, appreciates the need to dispel any further impression of anarchy at the FA headquarters. Meanwhile across London

Mr Blair was appearing on an ITV daytime chat-show. The Government's public attitude to Mr Hoddle had vecred several times over the weekend. When The Times story about the interview broke late on Friday, caution was urged on ministers by Down-

ing Street. "Let's wait and see

exactly what was said," was

Saturday afternoon showing that Mr Hoddle had made similar remarks before in a BBC interview that caution was thrown to the wind. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary. went close to suggesting resig-nation. David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, who is himself blind, happily joked about Hoddle and Mr Banks suggested that Hoddle's punishment for his present sins might be to return in the next life as -- Glenn Hoddle. Mrs Hodge called for him to

the advice to ministers asking

But when tapes emerged on

how they should comment.

quit on Sunday but other ministers - probably knowing the FA's intentions - said it was for them to decide. But yesterday Mr Blair was ready to talk.
"If he said what he was reported to have said and in the way he was reported to have said it, then I think that was

very wrong," he said. "I think it is important that we establish whether he really did say it in the way he was reported to have said it." He added: "If he has really said it in the way that he has been reported to have said it, it is very offen-

He may have felt it was wrong for a Prime Minister to call for the resignation of a football coach. Inevitably, however, that was how his remarks were interpreted.

Hoddle decided to mount his last-ditch defence. But this will do nothing to divert critics from the fact that the most recent, and explicit, statement was not exactly new.

The FA squad who will decide his fate

BY ADAM SHERWIN

GLENN HODDLE was last night struggling to win sup-port from the men who will decide his fate as the England football coach.

Four members of the FA International Committee, the 14-man executive body which retains the power to appoint and dismiss the England manager, expressed dismay at Mr Hoddle's comments and wanted to hear a personal explanation. No member of the committee, which includes some of football's most powerful administrators, was prepared to

endorse Hoddle as manager Geoff Thompson, the FA's acting chairman, was informed of the committee members' views before his meeting with Hoddle last night. Jack Wiseman, life vice-president of the FA and member of its council for 24 years, said: "One can't help but be aware of the offence that has been caused. The FA cannot shirk its respon-

sibilities and we won't." A vice-chairman of Birming-ham City, Mr Wiseman is proud of his club's record in assisting the disabled. "I can only admire the great strides that the disabled have made." he said. "We invite them to functions and help wherever

John Davey, of Sussex FA, said: "It was a silly and unwise thing to say. People should stick to the job they know and Glenn should stick to footbali."

He added: "I have a disability. I had to have a replacement knee but it wasn't anything to do with my past life ... I got the injury from playing foot-

Ray Berridge, of Bedford-shire FA, said: "Disabled people have every right to play sport, including football. I don't want this issue to drag down the FA and there must be a decision one way or

Mr Berridge gives active support to Luton Deaf, a local disabled team. "They play in a recognised league and we treat them just like anyone else. The Bedfordshire FA makes sure of that."
Ray Kiddell, of Norfolk FA.

said: "I want to hear Glenn give us his views. The FA has a good record with people who have disabilities and that will continue to be our policy. Football needs all kinds of people." Members of the FA Interna-

tional Committee who declined to offer their support to Hoddle and expressed "no comment" included Sir Bert Millichip, the former FA chairman. Doug Ellis, the Aston Villa chairman, and David Dein, deputy chairman of Arsenal.

WHAT THEY SAID

He is a spiritual bloke and obviously believes what he is saying, but if he has views that are off the wall he has to keep them to

Gary Lineker former England captain think he has to wash his head out. There is no point in saying he

did not say what he did be Elieen Drewery has been saying the same thing. Unless he can face up to himself and separate his cranky religious beliefs from his job as England manager he has to go. Football Task Force chalman

He has a responsibility to ensure his personal views shouldn't be confused with those of the England team, the FA or its sponsors. Nationwide will not allow its good reputation to be tarnished Mark Lazenby marketing

director of Nationwide, the FA's £8 kalillon spor think that Glenn Hoddle's opinions are hurtful, absurd and adiculous. But I do not believe he should be sacked for his opin-ions, and he is entitled to express

these opinions just like everybody else. Lord Ashley of Stoke He should get out more into the world. I think it shows he really has a bizane state of mind.

with Down's Syndrome If you were a disabled person listening to this type of thing you would think, 'My goodness, what a dreadful thing to say .

If Hoodle has any sense of decency for the feelings of disabled workers, sports man and women he will spare them further embarrassment and resign.

Phil Davies, secretary of the

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Spain urged to extradite M25 suspect

Kenneth Noye claims he will not get a fair trial in Britain, report Stephen Farrell and Giles Tremlett

KENNETH NOYE yesterday protested his innocence of the "road rage" murder of Stephen Cameron and claimed police had identified him illegally.

Mr Noye, Sl. told three judges at the Audencia Nacional in Madrid that he had been picked out by a woman in a restaurant in southern Spain where he was the only Briton. He insisted that he could not get a fair hearing in Britain because he had already been tried by the media.

Sitting in the dock behind bulletproof glass, Mr Noye was denied permission to question detectives from Kent police who were in court with a representative from the Crown Prosecution Service. Asked



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Cameron: extradition is sought over his killing

why he opposed extradition, he told the court: "Because I am innocent and I have had a trial by media. It is impossible for me to get a fair trial."

Wearing spectacles and reading from notepapers, he told the court he had been in Spain for two years before his arrest, but that no warrant had been issued until police located him near Barbate, on the coast, last August, more than two years after Mr Cameron died on an M25 slip road near Supplies Kent in May 1006.

Swanley, Kent, in May 1996.

He claimed Kent police flew out the woman on August 21, but did not use her to identify him until a week later, and questioned what had happened in the intervening period.

They fly the girl out on August 28, I believe, and on August 28 they come to a restaurant with the girl and I am sitting

there and they identified me. So the girl is here for one week with the police officers. Una semana. What are they doing with this woman? he asked.

After Mr Noye was traced to southern Spain, detectives flew Mr Cameron's girlfriend, Danielle Cable, out to identify him.

He claimed the identification was illegal under Spanish and British law, insisting he was merely asking the court to be fair and reasonable. He asked the judges to put themselves in his position as "an English person sitting in a restaurant full of Spanish people" and, pointing to his grey hair, claimed the original suspect identified had been "a man with dark hair and much younger".

The chief state prosecutor, Eduardo Fungairino, said the court's job was not to determine innocence or guilt, but to allow the extradition because all the papers had been correctly submitted by Britain.

He argued that, because

Britain had signed the European convention on extradition, it did not need to establish that there was a prima facie case to answer, and the court had no alternative but to accept the decision by the Kent magistrate to issue a warrant. He claimed it was up to the British courts to determine if the identification was valid and argued that British law matched Spanish law in relation to the alleged offence and sentence.

Manuel Murillo, acting for Mr Noye, said the prosecution had put forward insufficient grounds. He said the killer originally described by police was in his twenties, whereas Mr Noye was in his fifties, and pointed out that his client's picture had appeared throughout the British press, showing cut-

tings to the judges.

Indirectly referring to the Pinochet extradition being sought in Britain by Spain, authorities were demanding a "huge quantity" of evidence and documents. The Spanish judges in this case had the powers to request similar details, and should do so, he said. The written judgment is expected within a few days. If he loses, Mr Noye has three days to lodge an appeal.

At the request of defence law-



Cleaning up: Stephen Reynolds collects another token

Taking a shine to book tokens

By Hannah Betts

A SHOESHINE service is using its position at people's feet as a way of collecting as many Free Books for Schools tokens as possible.

Stephen Reynolds, who

runs Steve's Shoeshine Service, at City Airport, East London, said that many of his 50 daily customers were Times readers.

He asks them to donate the token from their newspaper, as they read it while they get their shoes cleaned.

Mr Reynolds said: "I'm fairly blunt and to the point, but I always ask politely. I like to think I'm spreading the

word."

His idea has proved popular with customers, who applaud his public-spiritedness.

Mr Reynolds' campaign has also made the airport tidier he makes a daily dash round to gather up abandoned news-

More than 26,000 schools have registered to collect tokens to put towards the various free books on offer. Mr Reyuolds has yet to decide which local school is to benefit from his work; he is seeking a small one where his contribution will make a real difference.



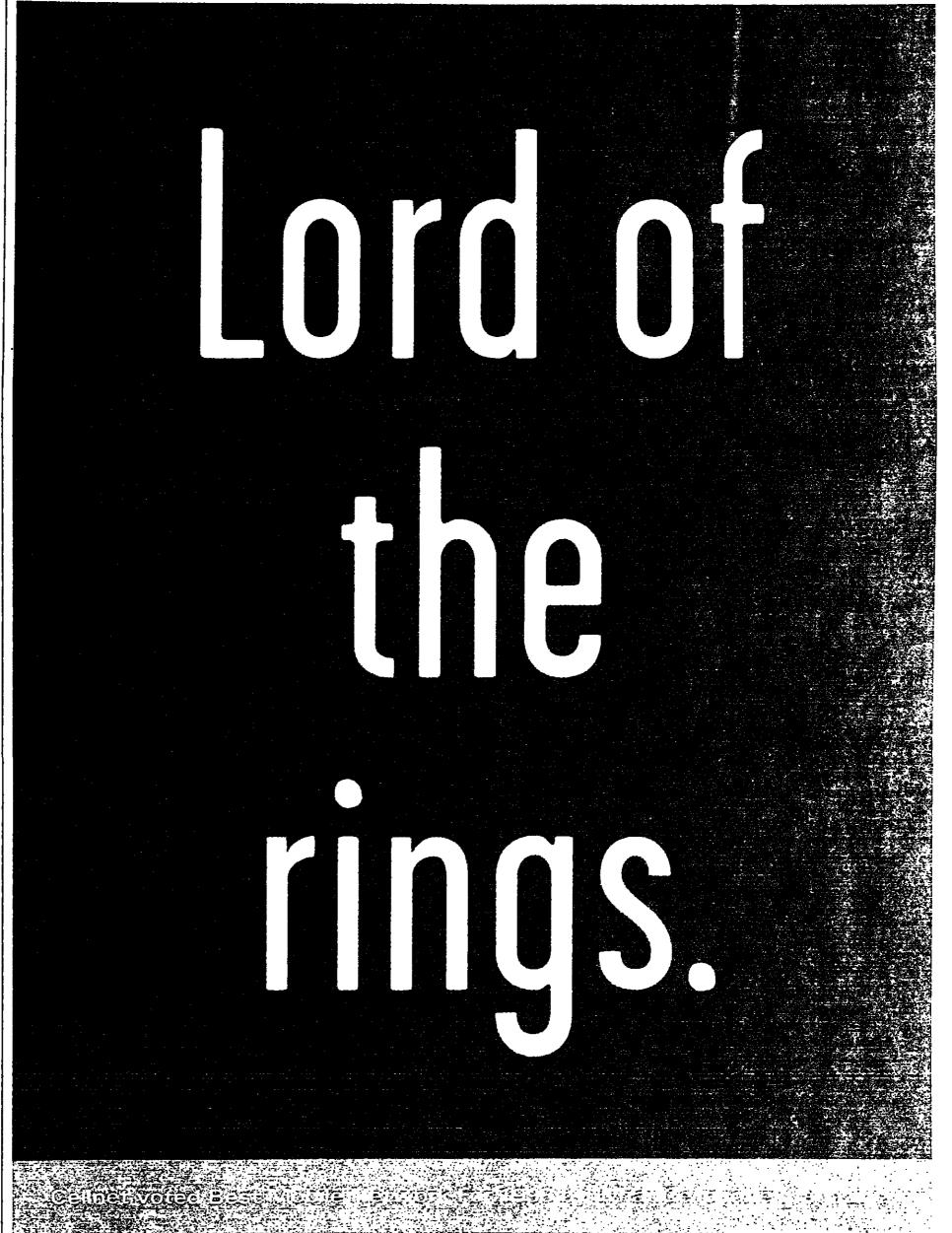
His main motivation stems from having been a reluctant reader himself when he was at school.

"I'd like to be able to give children an opportunity I never had. If, like me, you don't start the habit of reading as a child, it's much more difficult to pick it up later in life. The scheme is a brilliant idea," he

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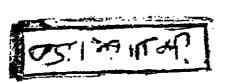




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Teachers must meet targets to get more cash

TEACHERS will receive a 3.5 per cent pay rise from April under the public sector pay awards announced vesterday. But they will have to meet targets for improvement in pu-pils results to qualify for bigger increases over the next two

Head teachers are to be given the same initial rise as their classroom staff but a restructuring of their salary scales in September will bring the average up to 6.5 per cent. Heads of the smallest primary schools will receive a 9.5 per

The differential, which will see salaries of some secondary heads reach £70,000 a year. was attacked by classroom un-ions. But head teachers and government sources said the rises were necessary to tackle recruitment shortages.

As the recommendations of the School Teachers Review Body for the coming year were adopted in full, ministers published detailed proposals for performance-related pay to be introduced in 2000. Every **SCHOOLS**

teacher will face an annual appraisal, which will be used by governors to set pay levels at the start of the school year. Only those who can demon-

strate that they meet "threshold standards", including consistent high achievement by their pupils, will have access to higher pay scales. Estelle Morris, the School Standards Minister, outlining the proposals, confirmed that a majority of teachers were expected to

qualify eventually.

The linking of pupils' results to teachers' pay remains high-ly controversial. The government guidance said targets for improvement in results should be "realistic but challenging". Those who chose sufficiently ambitious targets might pass their appraisal even if their pupils results fell short.

Even before the classroom teachers' scheme comes into effect, heads will be able to boost their salaries if they meet targets for the performance of their schools. The full cost of the package during the coming financial year will be £409

million, with £1 billion spread over the next two years.

Yesterday's award brought calls from local education authorities for an extra EI20 million to prevent cuts in other services. The Local Government Association said it could afford no more than a 3 per cent rise, but David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, insisted that an extra £1.1 billion allocated to education should be enough to cover the award.

The award was the first for three years not to be phased by the Government. Ministers hoped that payment in full and the prospect of large rises for many teachers from performance-related pay would make the heads' increases ac-

But the leader of the biggest teaching union responded to the announcement with a threat of industrial action. Doug McAvoy, general secre-tary of the National Union of Teachers - which is adamantly opposed to the performancerelated pay proposals - said: The Government seems determined to push teachers towards industrial action. This award represents a net increase of 1 per cent after teachers are compensated for the accrued loss caused by staging. Teachers were disappointed last year that their increase was staged."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, accused the Government of "making a pig's ear" of teachers' pay. "Last year we had staging, this year we have dis-crimination. The shortages go all the way through the sys-

But David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, welcomed the announcement. Those who criticise the pay award to heads are disingenupecause au concerned knew that head teachers were being dealt with separately this year."

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John Ridgley, the head teacher at Marion Richardson primary school, with staff: he said that performance-related pay would be divisive

Performance pay 'will cause resentment'

BY HANNAH BETTS

ALL the teachers at Marion Richardson primary school in Tower Hamlets. East London, are classed by the head as "superteachers" but not one would yesterday give their backing to performance-related pay.

Marion Richardson defies the steretype of the inner-city school, with a full staff of permanent teachers and Of-sted's top grade for school ethos (level 1). However, John Ridgley, head teacher for 20 years, is as dubious about the benefits of the new scheme, as he is

THE STAFFROOM

about his own role as evaluator. "I'd rather see teachers rewarded across the board. It's going to be divisive. Who am I to say who's a good teacher? If I put everyone here on performancerelated pay I'd bust the bank. I'm not looking forward to administering this

Staff were equally sceptical. Alison Wright, who is in her second year of teaching, said: "It's too competitive when we should all be working together. It'll only cause resentment." Bob Webb, a colleague, agreed: "We'll need two staffrooms - one for the superstaff and one for everyone else. To find a realistic way of assessing performance we would need to take into account children's emotional needs and social needs, as well as academic requirements. But the Government will only look at the things that are

Although the staff felt they could trust their head to make assessments, they were less confident about the way the policy would work in other

schools. But the principal concern was morale. Staff were unanimous that teaching has lost its prestige. Mr Webb said: "A pay rise is not the answer to recruitment problems. The problem is the de-professionalisation of teaching. No graduate wants to train for four years to have their work-

ing lives totally prescribed for them. Rachel Heron, 27, issued the final riposte: "I don't see Chris Woodhead getting only a 3.6 per cent rise. Who does his appraisal?" Amongst staff at Marion Richardson there would be plenty

PAY BY RESULTS FOR NHS The Government took the first time links pay with

first steps towards restructuring public sector pay by directing extra money to groups with recruitment or retention difficulties (Jill Sherman writes).

Ministers agreed to back the recommendations of the five independent pay review bodies and to give higher pay awards to cer-tain grades within profes-sions rather than allocating the same rise to all staff. Last night Downing

Street officials made clear that in future pay would be linked much more closely to performance and local managers more say in determining levels. David Blunkett has already angered the teaching unions by publishing a Green Paper which for the schools' performance. This practice will be extended to the health service, where nurses at top performing hospitals may get more than those which do less well in league tables.

The Tory Government tried to introduce local pay bargaining for the health service about five years ago, but failed when it resulted in interminable local appeals where nurses felt they had lost out.

Yesterday Downing Street insisted that the five independent pay review bodies would remain at least for another year. But consultation paper published within the next two weeks will focus on extending powers to local managers to allow more flexibility.

£10,000 for Irvine

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor will re-ceive a rise of nearly £10.000, or close to six per cent. because of an anomaly which ensures he must be paid more than the Lord Chief Justice. His salary rises to £160,011 - making him not only the highest pair judge, but the highest paid Cabinet minister. Other Cabinet ministers are expected to be told to forgo their rise again.

By Ian Murray

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

LISA PHILLIPS, 24, is one of the 27,000 newly qualified nurses who will be taking home an extra £100 a month thanks to their 12 per cent rise.

She spent three years at Shelfield University studying for a diploma in nursing works at the Radcliffe infirmary in Oxford. She met and married her husband Andrew while they were both studying and he works in Oxford at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital. They both earn £12,800 a year and take home between £800 and £900 a month depending on overtime

"We will have £200 a month more in our pockets so we will begin to be able to pay off our student loans," she said. "Having the extra money makes me feel a bit more valued but if any of my friends said they were going into nursing I would tell them to think twice about it. After three years of training you still don't earn any more than a dustman.

"Even with this pay rise we shan't be well off. We aren't thinking of starting a family because we just can't afford it. We've got a cat and it's hard enough feeding that. My ward-

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robe is shabby and our car is failing apart. Not only is the money poor

but working conditions are bad because we are so shortstaffed. It is quite distressing on the ward. We are supposed to be a caring profession but there is no time to care.

"I am always considering other careers. People who were at school with me are earning a lot more and if I had known what I know now I might never have gone into



Phillips: money "makes me feel more valued"

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'We can begin to 'Nothing to stay in pay off our loans' health service for'

By IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

filled her schoolgirl ambition when she was accepted for training as a nurse 20 years ago. She worked her way up to become a ward sister but after yesterday's pay deal. bich will give her an extra 4.7 per cent, she can scarcely wait to leave the profession.

enough to pay for the increase in my childcare costs or for half a pack of nappies," she said. "Marks & Spencers is calling to me very loudly now to come and work one of their tills. They look after their staff well, give you reductions on food and don't make you work nights.

trained and has always pension with it, but that is not verything," she said.

HEATHER DENNIS, 38, ful-

"The extra money won't be ing to stay in the NHS for."

Ms Dennis still has great loyalty to St George's Hospital, South London, where she worked. "It's a nice feeling of belonging and the job has a

On the money they pay me I can't see myself wanting to stay on. My little girl just can-not understand why I have to work on Christmas Day and after 20 years I am beginning to think the same thing." It is

THE WARD SISTER

only because of the hospital creche for her children — Andrew, 214, and Chloe, 5 - that she is staying on working three days a week as a senior staff nurse for a take-home pay of around £750 a month. l'he crèche, however, costs hei £306 a month and she has to work as an agency nurse to make ends meet. Once my shall leave. If this is the only pay rise we can expect after 20 years of loyalty there is noth-



Dennis: intends to leave and work a shop till

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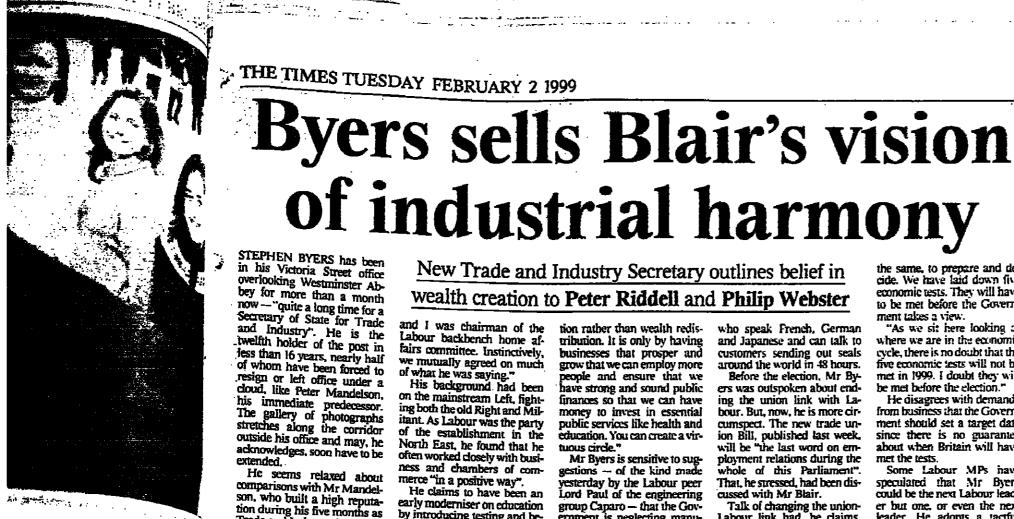


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that being pro-business is incompatible with social justice and fairness?

> carefully adds, "Margaret Beckett [in the post for 1997-98] also gave the department a good sense of cohesion." But then Mr Byers is a very careful politician, as befits the fastest nsing member of the Cabinet. He has an open, engaging style, but is always cautious. never taking too many risks. whether over the single currency or by not spending money changing the modernist office decor he inherited. He presents himself as a

overlooking Westminster Abbey for more than a month

now - "quite a long time for a

resign or left office under a

cloud, like Peter Mandelson,

his immediate predecessor.

outside his office and may, he

acknowledges, soon have to be

He seems relaxed about

comparisons with Mr Mandel-

son, who built a high reputa-

tion during his five months as Trade and Industry Secretary,

both with leading industrial-ists, who felt he talked their language, and among civil servants, by raising the depart-

ment's profile.

"There is only one Peter Mandelson and I am not Peter Mandelson. Peter did a great

job. He gave the department a

sense of purpose and direc-tion," Mr Byers says. And, he

I don't believe

extended...

team player, emphasising his close links with Gordon Brown (unlike the sometimes abrasive relationship that Mr Mandelson had). He is often seen as the leading younger Blairite. Whether I have the ear of the Prime Minister or not is for other people to judge. I am accused of being an ultra-Blairite. I don't have a problem with people saying those things."
A former councillor on Tyne-

side, who entered the Commons in 1992, Mr Byers says: on which I became a Blairite. I found myself meeting Tony when he became an MP for the North East, and began working with him when he was Shadow Home Secretary

New Trade and Industry Secretary outlines belief in wealth creation to Peter Riddell and Philip Webster

of industrial harmony

and I was chairman of the Labour backbench home affairs committee. Instinctively, we mutually agreed on much

of what he was saying."
His background, had been on the mainstream Left, fighting both the old Right and Military As I about was the party itant. As Labour was the party of the establishment in the North East, he found that he often worked closely with business and chambers of commerce "in a positive way".

He claims to have been an early moderniser on education by introducing testing and beginning to devolve budgets to head teachers. "My first big confrontation with the public sector unions was when I decided to allow up to £50 to head teachers to repair broken windows. The direct labour organisation got very agitated since they used to take six

Mr Byers will this evening take the first steps to establishing his distinctive identity when he addresses the Lord Mayor's trade and industry dinner at Mansion House. Don't expect dramatic changes. Indeed, he is at pains to stress the continuity with his predecessors, taking forward both the proposals on trade union law and the competitiveness White Paper of Mr Man-delson.

"We will be publishing an implementation plan in the middle of March so that people can see how we are carrying forward the details. There will be time commitments as well. This is the year of deliv-ery and implementation."

Mt Byers will also be consulting on proposals to remove ministers from many competition and merger decisions. This, he accepted, was more complicated than just devolving responsibility for setting interest rates to the Bank of England. The Secretary of State would also have to remain involved in the defence and media sectors.

His main aim tonight will

be to spell out what the new La-

being pro-business is incompatible with social justice and fairness. In the 1997 election we won by getting together a unique coalition of support in all regions. I want to represent a coalition of different interests. We can be pro-business and we can have minimum standards in the workplace for the individual. We can ensure ed by ensuring they have

rights as consumers. The big political message is that the real challenge for Labour is to recognise that we need to be about wealth creation rather than wealth redistribution. It is only by having businesses that prosper and grow that we can employ more people and ensure that we have strong and sound public finances so that we can have money to invest in essential public services like health and education. You can create a vir-

tuous circle." Mr Byers is sensitive to suggestions - of the kind made yesterday by the Labour peer Lord Paul of the engineering group Caparo - that the Gov-ernment is neglecting manufacturing. "I was disappointed. The thrust of his argument is that we are making mistakes of the past. I hope imple-mentation will convince him it is forward looking."

He points to a visit he made last Friday to a Rotherham fac-tory that makes seals for mechanical pumps, a traditional activity but which uses computer design facilities. It has staff

who speak French, German and Japanese and can talk to customers sending out seals around the world in 48 hours. Before the election, Mr By-

ers was outspoken about ending the union link with Labour. But, now, he is more circumspect. The new trade union Bill, published last week. will be "the last word on employment relations during the whole of this Parliament". That, he stressed, had been discussed with Mr Blair.

Talk of changing the union-Labour link had, he claims, gone totally off the agenda. We have got this new system in the party of decision-making at national and local policy forums which is working

Mr Byers is equally cau-tious about the single curren-cy. The National Changeover Plan, due in a few weeks, will help to clarify government thinking. "The policy remains

the same, to prepare and de-cide. We have laid down five economic tests. They will have to be met before the Government takes a view.

"As we sit here looking at where we are in the economic cycle, there is no doubt that the

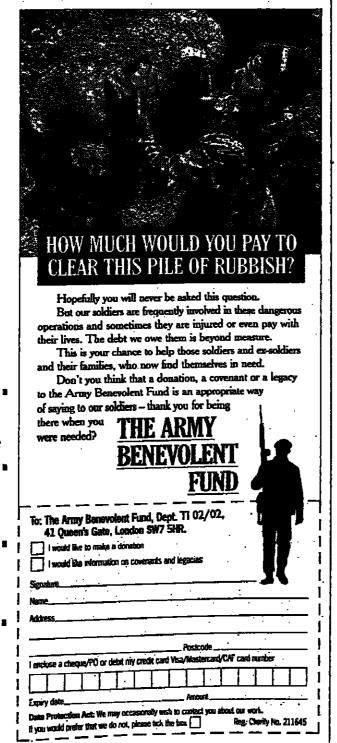
be met before the election." He disagrees with demands from business that the Government should set a target date since there is no guarantee about when Britain will have met the tests.

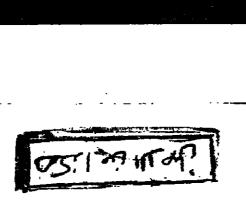
Some Labour MPs have speculated that Mr Byers could be the next Labour leader but one, or even the next leader. He adopts a tactful tone of embarrassed modesty. "I don't know who is coming up with these tips. I am privileged to be in the Cabinet and am very fortunate to be Secretary of State for Trace and Industry." And he knows that making his mark in the DTI is critical to advancing his suitably hidden ambitions.

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" illi Village mourns death of an innocent

THERE is a story of an innocent man who walked out to work one morning and never came home. It is very simple. He was 37 years old and an elementary school teacher.

His name was Gasper Karagi. although the history of the war in Kosovo will never recall it. He was born in the village of Ujez, but once I close my notebook that name too will be for-

Last Friday he kissed his wife goodbye just after day-break. They had been married for 18 years and they had no children. They were Catholic Albanians and so their childless state could have been a stigma in the remote rural communities of the South, but everyone in Ujez remarks only that he and his wife were very close. It is unusual for reticent. enclosed people to remark on a couple's relationship to foreigners, so I can imagine only that they must indeed loved one another.

He left to teach at the school in Bistraznj, another unre-markable hill village near Ujez I saw him vesterday lying in an open coffin in the room in which he was born. The women of the village sat around him, his wife at one end with her hands on his forehead. He had the lean, asceric face of an academic. Above him was a candle flanked by pictures of Christ wearing the crown of thorns and Mic Sokoli, a legendary Kosovan hero. Such is the tradition of death for Catholics here.



Anthony Loyd reports from the village of Ujez on the murder of a schoolteacher in Kosovo's bloody civil war

Unusually, the women did not weep until the colfin was carried out for burial. They had agreed among themselves that as a demonstration of love and pride for their teacher and relation they should contain their tears, so the atmosphere in that silent room was charged as if by electricity. Nobody knows who killed him. When he did not return

⁶ Whatever happens in Paris, he is lost to us and shall not be returned?

from work that day his wife became trantic with worry. On Saturday some children on their way to school noticed the trail of blood leading away from the edge of a track.

The villagers followed it up a hillside and found Karaqi there. Someone had shot him once in the upper leg. He had crawled away into the snow and bled to death alone in a

field below an Orthodox church. Serb police officers were mounting a follow-up operation after a gunbattle with KLA guerrillas in the area at the time, but the teacher could have been shot by either side.

The gravediggers toiled from dawn until midday to dig his grave. It was -15C (5F) yesterday, even before the wind chill, and beneath the snow the ground was like rock.

There were no uniforms

among the mourners, no volleys, no guns, no glory. There was a column of sobbing children, much humility and much dignity.

In a clumsy and contrived way I asked the teacher's nephew what his expectations were of the peace talks at Rambouillet this week. He trustingly gave me his name, but asked me not to use it: he explained that everyone was frightened.

This person who you see dead," he said slowly, "was a peace-loving man who contributed only to peace and goodness in our village. He was killed. Whatever happens in Paris, he is lost to us and shall not be returned."

As a story of the war this incident could mean nothing. But because it involves simple



Schoolchildren lead the funeral procession for Gasper Karaqi in Ujez, Kosovo yesterday. One of them carries a photograph of her teacher

people, in some ways it means everything.

Airstrikes threat: Nato is ready for airstrikes against the Serbs for any further massacres of ethnic Albanian civilians in Kosovo, even if the proposed peace talks get under to settle before the warring way at Rambouillet, alliance diplomatic sources said yester-

day (Michael Evans writes). Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday that there were serious differences sides in Kosovo could be brought to talk with any chance of success.

He added that no action would be taken against President Milosevic of Yugoslavia

for not sending a negotiating team to the talks if the Kosovo Liberation Army also failed to

While the Contact Group awaits the replies from Bel-grade and Kosovo, one prob-

lem is knowing which of the KLA delegates truly represents the different factions of the organisation. Yesterday Yugoslavia called on the UN Security Council to try to pre-

Bonn faces general strike threat

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE Ford factory in Cologne ground to a halt yesterday as thousands of workers laid down their tools in the first strike of what promises to be a cold industrial winter.

Germany's engineering workers are pressing for a 6.5 per cent wage increase and the employers - car manufacturers, steel foundries and shipbuilders - are ready to offer 2 per cent at most.

This time too many people have lost spending power," Jörg Baczynski, of the IG Metall union, which has a membership of more than three million, said. "We expect to bring a quarter of a million workers

So far the protests are "warning strikes" - day-long walkouts confined to chosen factories - aimed at putting pressure on the employer. But if there is no breakthrough in negonations by next week, the union says it will call a national strike. That would hurt the country's flagging economic recovery but, more important perhaps, it would derail the Government's attempts to put together an "alliance for jobs", an across-the-board deal between employers, unions and

the Government. The workers are digging in for a long fight. Union leaders have already announced the end of the "age of wage restraint" and have made clear that they expect the Social Democrat-led Government to be on their side.

They were encouraged inirially when Oskar Lafontaine. the Finance Minister, said that economic growth should come from a boost in the domestic demand. The Government. however, is proving to be as nervous as the employers about large wage increases this year.

"We rolled up our sleeves and have held back for years - now we expect a fair share in this economic recovery," said Harald Schartau, the main union negotiator for North Rhine Westphalia. He was speaking outside the Ford works where the assembled fitters and shop-floor workers blew whistles, waved red banners and chanted: "6.5 per cent and not a pfennig less."
 Some 700 factories are likely

to be drawn into the protests this week. More disturbing for the Government is the threat of the main public service unions to join the private sector in a national strike if there is no satisfactory deal.

Fronomists say wage deals of under a per cent will be the ogne yesterday suggested. however, that workers would be unhappy with anything less



Boris Yeltsin at his 68th birthday celebration

Leaders toast Yeltsin on his birthday

Moscow: President Yeltsin celebrated his 68th birthday vesterday with champagne and cake two days after leaving hospital where he was treated for a bleeding ulcer (Alice Lagnado writes).

He was joined at a health resort by Yevgeni Primakov. the Prime Minister, Patriarch Aleksi II, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, and Nikolai Bordyuzha, the Kremlin chief of staff.

Olympics chief tries to parry sword gift claim

FROM JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT, IN LAUSANNE

THE beleaguered head of the International Olympic Committee. Juan Antonio Samaranch, yesterday denied having received an \$18,000 (£11,000) samurai sword from the Governor of Nagano one month before it was awarded the right to host the 1998 Winter Olympics. in an attempt to play down

corruption within the IOC. which are threatening to force him from office. Señor Samaranch insisted that there was no official record of the sword, and that he had no recollection of the alleged gift. A statement that was issued

yesterday in Lausanne said: The IOC has checked all of its records, conferred with the IOC president, his translator and others who were with him on the trip in question, and thoroughly checked the archives and the records of the

Olympic museum." Goro Yoshimura, the Governor of Nagano, and the former head of the city's bidding committee, has insisted that the sword was given to Senor Samaranch by a businessman. The newspaper Asahi last week said that the Nagano bidding committee gave Señor Samaranch the sword and a kimono in May 1991, because they wanted him to know more about Japanese culture.

Señor Samaranch rejected accusations yesterday that he had lived luxuriously and benefited personally during his 19 years as IOC president. In his first official statement

on the allegations since the "votes for favours" scandal broke last month. Señor Samaranch said that he had asked several years ago that people should stop referring to him as "Excellency", a title he was given when he was Spain's Ambassador to Mongolia and the

Soviet Union during the 1970s. The IOC issued what it described as a 12-point "correction of media inaccuracies" to try to limit the damage caused by worldwide calls for Señor Samaranch to step down. This follows four IOC members resigning and five being recommended for expulsion because they accepted inducements from Salt Lake City before the Americans won the vote to stage the 2002 Winter Olympics. The IOC, which today will start hosting a three-day conference on doping in sport, pointed out that its president does not draw a salary.

It also stated that he accepts gifts on behalf of the organisation. These are either displayed in the Olympic museum or placed into storage. "The president also presents many gifts to dignitaries and others as an international ges-ture of goodwill on behalf of

the IOC. The alleged gift of the sword is the centre of an investiga-tion into whether money or favours were given to any IOC members in an effort to persuade them to vote for the city as host. Crucial records detailing some of the finances have

been destroyed. The IOC executive board said vesterday that it had asked all national olympic committees, including Brit-ain's, for "candid and complete" details of recent bids for the Games.

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Cinema is blessed by 'Pope's Oscars' FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Pope, who returned at the weekend from a strenuous trip to Mexico and the United States, has a secret source of relaxation: the Vatican's collec-

tion of more than 6.000 films, which he can enjoy in his pri-John Paul II has approved a list of films deemed suitable for viewing by the faithful, in-cluding Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey. Richard Atten-

borough's Gandhi, and Spiel-berg's Schindler's List. as wellas films with a biblical theme such as Pasolini's The Gospei According to St Matthew. In his youth in Poland, the Pope. 78, was an actor and playwright as well as a priest.

The disclosure that he is also a film buff follows the publicity given to the private screening last month of Roberto Benigni's Life is Beautiful (La Vita e Bellal in the Vatican cinema. According to Benigni, the Pope was both moved and

amused" by the film, in which Benigni plays an Italian Jewconcentration camp inmate who tries to protect his small son from the horrors of the Nazi gas chambers by pretending it is "all a game". The film has offended some

Jewish groups on the ground that "the Holocaust is not a laughing matter". But Benieni said the pontiff remarked that the film showed "that humanity can be found even in the most terrible of places",

The Vatican cinema has been created in a deconsecrated church in the Palazzo San Carlo, the headquarters of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, led by Archbishop John Foley of the Unit-ed States, which oversees Vatican policy on the mass media.

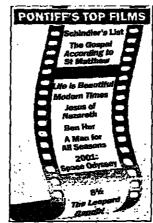
The Pope "is often shown

new films before their public release", an insider said. As a polyglot he can watch them in

their original language.

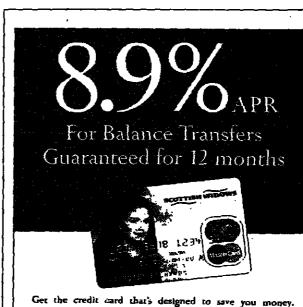
At the weekend. La Repubb lica published a list of 45 Vatican-sanctioned films, dubbed "the Pope's Oscars". The list includes few comedies, apart from Chaplin's Modern

Times. It is dominated by films with a religious theme, such as Zeffirelli's Jesus of Nazareth. But the religious section also includes Pasolini's St Mat-



thew, once frowned on for its deniction of Jesus as a quasi-Marxist revolutionary; William Wyler's Ben Hur, and Fred Zinnemann's A Man for All Seasons.

Eyehrows were also raised by the inclusion under "general" of 2001, in which astronauts encounter the divine in the form of a black monolith: Fellini's St., La Strada and Amarcord; Bergman's mildly erotic Wild Strawberries: W.F. Murnau's Nosferatu: and Visconti's The Leopard.



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Family's Nazi past thwarts art claim

FROM ROGER BOYES

PRINCE Ernst August of Hanover, Germany's senior aristocrat, is being thwarted in his attempts to reclaim from the state family-owned Old Masters and other works of art after claims that his grandfather profited from Nazi actions against Jews.

The Hanoverian Prince, whose titles include Prince of Britain and Ireland and Duke of Cumberland, recently married Princess Caroline of Monaco and is anxious to decorate their palace in the grand ancestral style.

The Prince has an outstanding claim on Blankenburg Castle, houses in the town of Blankenburg, a convent and a large acreage of land in the region. A court in Magdeburg will soon rule on their restitution. But the main German residence of the newly married couple is likely to be in the west, in Marienburg Castle More than 200 paintings

are involved in the Prince's efforts to regain family works of art: 148 antiques and 46 valuable decorated stoves: all part of Biankenburg Castle.
Prince Ernst August's grand-

father, also called Ernst August, fled the castle and moved westwards as the Soviet Army advanced into Germany to-

wards the end of the war. The castle was confiscated by the Communist authorities

Marienburg Castle, the royal couple's likely home

and the works of art were taken over by the state of Saxony-Anhalt which is reluctant to give them back. "It would be a had thing if paintings now dis-appeared into private hands away from public view," Bianca Kachel, a Social Democratic deputy, who is calling for a debate on the issue in the regional parliament, said.

Legally, the Prince, 44, seems to be in a strong posi-

tion: expropriated valuables, unlike landed property, are usually returned to former owners promptly once the courts have established ownership. But an exception is made for former Nazis, and that is the rub. Prince Ernst August's grandfather, who was married to Viktoria Luisa, daughter of the last Kaiser, profited from his Nazi connections.

According to research published yesterday, the Prince benefited from the expulsion of Jews from the management of a private bank in Munich and a building company in

The Aufhäuser bank in Munich was established in 1870 by the German-Jewish Auf-häuser family. In 1933 storm troopers started to scare away customers, in 1935 Jewish directors were forced to sell their shares to non-Jews and in 1938 the head of the bank, Martin Aufhäuser, was taken to Dachau.

A few days later, wearing concentration camp uniform, he was brought back to the



Prince Ernst August and Princess Caroline of Monaco who want to decorate their palace in the grand style

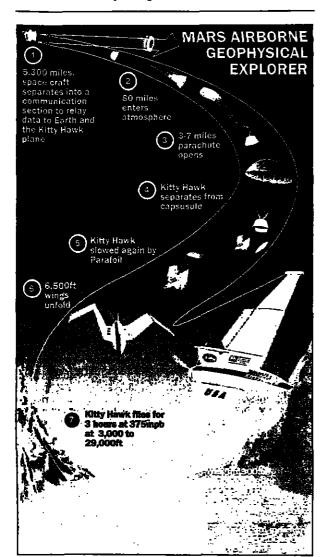
bank where, under the gaze of the Gestapo, he signed approval for a new board. The new partners included Prince Ernst August. The House of Hanover kept its shares in the bank until the 1980s.

A similar process ensured that Prince Ernst August became a member of the Porr construction company board in Vienna Executives were forced out, one of them because he had a Jewish wife.

The 42.7 per cent share of the firm owned by Jews passed to the House of Hanover.

The company employed thousands of slave labourers in southeastern Europe. The present Prince sold the family's tranche of shares in

German business, nervous about legal class actions in the United States, is auxious to reach a quick settlement and fend off bad publicity.



Nasa plans Mars trip in honour of Wright brothers

AMERICAN space engineers plan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first flight by the Wright brothers by launching a robot aircraft to fly through the Martian atmosphere in 2003.

The announcement of the \$40 million (£24 million) project was expected yesterday from the US space agency. Nasa as part of its budget request for 2000.

Nasa will solicit bids from industry and its own centres to design and build a plane that lits into a container no bigger than a computer terminal but with a wingspan large enough to fly in the thin Mar-

The plan is to launch the aircraft as part of a French payload to Mars on an Ariane 5 rocket. "You're going to need one heck of a wingspan," Nasa engineer Ed Weiler told USA Today. "It's going to look like all wings, but it still has to fold up inside that small box."

One design, called Kitty Hawk after the place in North Carolina where Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first powered flight, already exists. With a 32-ft wingspan and a ten-horsepower engine, it is designed to soar for three hours making observations over the Valles Marineris, a spectacular Martian canyon covering 1,100 miles, before running out of fuel and crash-

ing to the surface. The Martian atmosphere, 95 per cent carbon dioxide, is less than one-hundredth as dense as the Earth's, but gravity is only a third of ours. Fly-ing in that air would be equivalent to flying at 80,000ft above the Earth - difficult but not impossible, according to Gary Lemke, of Nasa's

Ames Research Centre.
"There currently aren't any unclassified programmes that

Robot aircraft must have giant

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Nigel Hawkes

do that," Dr Lemke said, "but there are airplanes designed to do that."

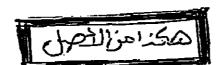
Kitty Hawk would enter the Martian atmosphere inside a heat-resistant shell which would drop off at a height of 6,500ft, allowing the aircraft's wings to unfold. The engine, which would drive a "pusher" propeller, would be fuelled by hydrazine propellant and would be capable of accelerating Kitty Hawk to its cruising speed of 375mph.

All manoeuvres would have to be pre-programmed before launch, because the time taken for commands to be sent to Mars - eight minutes preclude direct control from Earth. A camera and other instruments would be used to measure the chemical composition of Mars.

Similar readings have been made by satellite, and on the Martian surface, but both have drawbacks. Satellite resolution is lower, while groundbased exploration is limited in area. The Valles Marineris is as wide as the continental United States and offers, according to Dr Michael Malin, "a four-dimensional window through which we can view ancient and once deeply buried rock" as well as erosion and deposition patterns.

The images should be pinsharp, with objects as small as a few inches wide detectable. Other instruments could offer clues as to whether water still





US plans force to beat germ terrorists

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Pentagon is seeking controversial new powers for the American military on US soil in the event of a biological or chemical attack by terrorists. William Cohen, the De-

fence Secretary, is asking for presidential approval for a task force, under a two-star general or admiral, to meet the growing terrorist threat in what he has called a "grave new world." The plan has alarmed civil libertarians by giving the military a role in the US in spite of the Posse Comitatus Act. passed after the Civil War. to bar federal troops from

domestic policing.

John Hamre, the Deputy Defence Secretary, said that the military would not get involved in law en-forcement, and that ulti-mate authority would remain in civilian hands.

The Pentagon plans to spend \$250 million (£152 million) over six years to train ten 14-person Natiou-al Guard units, called Rap-id Assistance and Initial Detection System Teams (Raids), to react to a biological or chemical attack anywhere in the country in less than four hours.

Hotel besieged by Monica fan club

Monica Lewinsky scandal. He is obsessed with it. More to the point, one suspects, he is obsessed with Monica Lewinsky. There he was yesterday outside the Mayflower Hotel where Ms Lewinsky's version of the story of sex and lies was being videotaped for the gratification of senators. "I just came to see Monica." he said. "She's going to be one of the most famous women in our

That might be true, but Ms Lewinsky was nowhere in sight yesterday. She had been ensconced in the hotel since

the previous day.
It emerged that Mr Balkman had been there to see her enter the hotel — hat pulled down, carrying two shopping bags — on Sunday. And he had been outside the hotel last week when she came to meet

prosecutors.
"Oh, I've seen her a dozen times," he said proudly. One might be tempted to label Mr Balkman a pervert - if one had not been there oneself. straining for a glimpse of the former White House trainee across 100 yards of car park. The siege of the Mayflower Hotel on Connecticut Avenue. a thong's throw from the White House, does not have the same carnival atmosphere that had defined Monica Beach, as the strip of PennsylThe Naked Cowboy joins media in pilgrimage to the Mayflower,

Damian Whitworth writes

vania Avenue outside the courthouse became known during Ms Lewinsky's grand jury testimony last year. In the hot summer, there was a permanent encampment there waiting for witnesses called to testify before Kenneth Starr's grand jury. There were hordes of tourists, several dozen television trucks and news anchors developing dark tans. The cameramen gathered

this time are less jolly. They have several entrances to watch and wear ski coats against the cold. The only cabaret yesterday was a man from Cincinatti who called himself "The Naked Cowboy" and strode up and down the street wearing nothing but a pair of tight briefs, cowboy boots and hat, playing the guitar. Inside, Ms Lewinsky was being questioned in a suite by Ed

Bryant, one of the House of Representatives' prosecutors, and Nicole Seligman and Cheryl Mills, the two women lawyers representing Mr Clinton. Other members of both teams were in attendance and Mike DeWine, a Republican senator, and his Democratic colleague, Patrick Leahy, refer-eed. Security in the hotel was tight amid reports that one news organisation had tried to hire the room next door. Last week it was a lot more

lax. When The Times called the hotel to ask if Ms Lewinsky had left, the receptionist had said cheerfully: "No, I'll put you through to the room." The phone rang once, which was long enough for the heart to beat like a drum and all the questions one might want to ask Ms Lewinsky to race through the mind.

"Er, actually, I'm sorry." said the receptionist, coming back on line after realising her mistake. "She's not here. Good-

bye."
The overwhelming feeling yesterday — of Mr Balkman, his fellow fans and the massed ranks of the media -- was that the end is finally near. If Ms Lewinsky is not called to testify in person it would surprise no one if she never set foot in Washington again.
"This could be the last

time," said Mr Balkman, mournfully.



Cheryl Mills and Nicole Seligman. White House lawyers, arrive at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington yesterday with David Kendall, President Clinton's lawyer

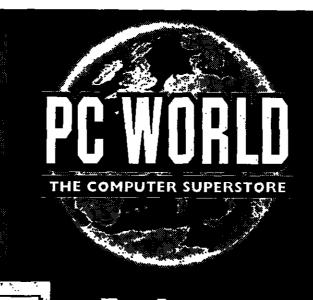
Lewinsky questioned

Washington: Monica Lewinsky spent yesterday shut in a hotel room with a video camera rolling as she answered questions from prosecutors and defence lawyers in the impeachment trial of President Clinton (Damian Whitworth writes).

The deposition will be played to senators in private today before they decide if portions should be played publicly at the trial or if Ms Lewinsky should be called to give live testimony. The questioning at Washington's Mayflower Hotel was set to last eight hours.



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Mir to shed new light on Europe

Moscow: The crew of the Russian Mir space station will conduct a spectacular experiment this week with a space mirror that will send a beam of reflected sunlight flashing over Earth. The Znamya (Banner) experiment, which is scheduled for Thursday, envisages unfolding a space mirror made of a membrane covered by a metal layer. In theory, the 83 ft diameter mirror would work like the moon, reflecting sunlight on to Europe and North America, said Valeri Lyndin, a Mission Control spokesman. The mirror would serve as a prototype for even larger models that may be used to illuminate sun-starved northern cities. (AP)

Army to combat Mafia

Rome: The Italian Army is returning to Sicily to help fight the Mafia less than a year after being withdrawn. Massimo D'Alema, the Prime Minister, said he had asked that 500 troops be deployed on the island to guard public buildings, thus freeing police to pursue criminals. He was speaking at a ceremony in Vittoria, Sicily, where five people were murdered last month. (AP)

Lions kill four refugees

Mogadishu: At least four people were killed and an undetermined number were wounded when several lions attacked a camp for people displaced by famine in western Somalia. The attack, in which a woman, her daughter and two elderly men died, occurred on Sunday in the village of El-Bardeh near the bor-

Teachers' hard lesson

Shanghai: Confidence tricksters hured leaders from more than 40 Chinese universities to a bogus education conference in Guangzhou and disappeared with at least £8,900 of their cash, the Shanghai Express reported. A man and two female assistants collected money for hotel rooms and air fares from each participant. But the next morning the "organisers" had vanished. (AFP)

Gibraltar 'disgrace'

Madrid: Abel Matutes, Spain's For-eign Minister, right, has called Brit-ish rule of Gibraltar out of date, an "anachronism" and a "disgrace". Madrid has taken measures to "lay the groundwork for the disappearance of the last colony in Europe", he said, and for this reason Spain was refusing to enter the current debate over fishing rights claimed by Gibraltar. (AFP)



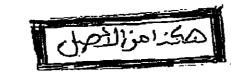
French pianist dies at 93

Paris: The French musician Jeanne-Marie Darre, once hailed by American music critics as "the grande dame" of the piano, has died aged 93 at her home at Port Marly, the Conservatory of Paris said. At her first professional concert, aged 21, she per-formed all five of Saint-Saens's piano concertos — a psychologically and physically demanding feat. (AP)



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Israel accuses Syria of threat to Jordan

FROM CHRISTOPER WALKER

ISRAEL has acced the radical regime in Sya of seeking to destabilise eighbouring Jordan whose beent ruler, King Hussein bday undergoes a decisive one marrow transplant tha doctors say has only a 15 g cent chance of saving his li

"Syria and oers are trying to exploit the fuation in Jordan following the appoint-ment of Prin Abdullah as Crown Prince a bid to harm the unity of thountry," David Bar-Illan, e communica-tions directofor the Israeli Prime Miner. Binyamin Netanyahu, d Israel radio.

The warni coincided with intelligence sessments that have been dwn up by Western embassifin Amman. The assessments conclude that Syria is the tside force most fikely to try foment trouble inside Jord, whose population is dived precariously between Patinians and East Bank Arabyith a mainly tribulation

al backgrod. Syria's derlying ambition is thought be to transform Jordan, a untry of only 4.6 million pole, into a client state like banon, where Syrian troops iginally entered at the end one civil war in the mid-1970 ind have never left.

"Israel following the situation in Joan closely, particularly evithing concerning the activity Syria in the coun-try," add Mr Bar-Illan. "History in thregion has shown that Syris have all sorts of territoricambitions against Jordan.

It is idely believed that there arundreds, if not thousands, dyrian agents operating insidordan. The Damascus rege of President Assad is the & Arab Government of note of to have given at. least inject backing to Prince

Abdullah's appointment to replace Prince Hassan as heir

In 1970, during the Black September Palestinian upris-ing in Jordan in which troops loyal to King Hussein fought fierce battles with Palestinian guerrillas under the leadership of Yassir Arafat, Syrian forces moved to the Jordanian

The Syrian forces were then only kept at bay by manoeu-

There is no possible third result for the operation; either

it saves the King or it does not?

vres by the Israeli defence forces, although Israel and Jordan were technically at war, a situation that existed until 1994. Referring to the 1970 crisis involving Syria, Mr Bar-Illan said: "We hope that there will

be no such manifestation at this time, but we are obviously concerned with the integrity of Jordanian officials attribute at least two of the dozen foiled assassination attempts made

against King Hussein to Syri-

an intelligence, one with a missile fired at his plane and the other a car bomb.

Officials have been reluctant to speak openly about any new threat to the politically untried Crown Prince, but internai security since his appointment a week ago has been considerably tightened.

In the past, Palestinian opposition groups based in Damascus, often with Iranian backing, have attempted to attack Israeli tourists in Jordan. The Jordanians also believe there have been hundreds of incidents of arms smuggling from Syria into Jordan in recent years whose purpose is not

Doctors following King Hus-sein's recurrence of lymphatic cancer, which forced him to return urgently to the Mayo Clinic in the US last week, claimed that today's transplant of bone marrow from his sister, Princess Basma, will be decisive in deciding his fare.

The international Arabic daily Al-Hayat quoted medical sources as saying that the 63-year-old monarch's chances for recovery are no more than 15 per cent. There is no possible third

result for the operation; either it saves him or it does not," the sources said. However, Marwan Moash-

er, the Jordanian Ambassador to the US, said yesterday that the King's health had improved in the days leading up to the transplant operation. The King is medically much better and his morale is

very high," he said.

Meanwhile, two London newspapers, The Sunday Times and The Sunday Telegraph, which both contained in-depth articles about the bitter feuding inside the Royal Family, were barred from entering the country yesterday. A similar ban was imposed on



Israeli intelligence agents are led from a Cyprus court yesterday after being jailed for three years each for approaching a prohibited military zone (Michael Theodoulou writes). Espionage charges were dropped in a plea-bargain deal. The sen-

Cyprus jails two Mossad agents

from Israel for their release. Udi Argov. 37. above left, and lgal Damary, 49. right, were also jailed for six months concurrently for possessing

radio scanning equipment without a licence. Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, said Israel would do everything to bring them

laws of Cyprus". The men's lawyers had said they were not spying on Cyprus at the time of their arrest in Noveming of informants who had collected intelligence about ting attacks in Israel. But Judge George Aresti said in the Larnaca court that the defence had not been pre-

Saddam offers bounty for allied pilots

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A BOUNTY has been been put on the

heads of British and American pilots enforcing the no-fly zones over Iraq.
The move by President Saddam Hussein echoes an offer made during the 1991 Gulf War when captured allied air-

crew were paraded on state television. Five million dinars (£1,700) are offered to anyone who arrests an allied pilot; £9,000 to anyone who shoots down an enemy aircraft and £3,000 to anyone who destroys a missile. The sums represent a fortune in a country where a soldier earns C3 a month.

However, Iraq's air defence system, weakened by years of sanctions and weeks of clashes with allied forces, is a shadow of the threat it was during the Gulf War when several British and American pilots and crew members were arrested. They were shown, battered and bruised, on television in footage that caused revulsion outside Iraq.

The no-fly zones were established after the Gulf War, ostensibly to shield the Kurdish and Shia communities from Saddam's forces; but they have assumed a new importance in containing the Iraqi leader after the departure of United Nations weapons inspectors. Saddam insists that the no-fly restrictions violate Iraqi sovereignty and flout international law.

Baghdad has also scoffed at Washington's attempts to overthrow Saddam by offering E60 million in military and other aid to Iraqi opposition groups. These people, who are failures, are talking with other people who are failures. We feel that we are strong because of the support of our people. Hameed Saced, an Information Minis-

He was referring to tours of the Gulf by senior American officials who have been rallying opposition to Saddam. State-run Iraqi newspapers scorned their "mission impossible". Americanbacked dissidents were nothing more than "stuffed horses and old mules, only good enough to stand outside entrances of embassies in Western capitals", said Al-Thawra newspaper.



tanyahu: hardline

Netanyahu condemned for 'fascist' slogan

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Prime Minister caused an uproar yesterday with his election slogan, "a strong leader for a strong people", which critics said echoed Nazi and fascist propaganda. of the Jewish Agency and a candidate for the Opposition Labour Party, appealed to Binyamin Netanyahu to drop the

survivors and their families. "The sound of 'a strong leader, a strong people' is coming directly from the conceptual framework of the Third Reich of 50 to 60 years ago," he said. Shlomo Ben-Ami, another Labour personality, accused "spectre of fascism". Dan Meridor, who quit Mr Netan-

ic governments". Professor Michael Harsegor, of Tel Aviv University, said: "It has no place in the free world. It is used only in dictatorships. "The things that Likud is

saying now, Franco's Spaniards, and Mussolini's Italians said in the past. Only Franco spoke only of a 'large and strong Spain' without accounting for his own merits. The yahu's Cabinet to join a new centrist party, said the Likud same thing was done by dictaslogan for the May 17 election tors in Eastern Europe in the was 'not suitable for democrat-

University, said he was unnerved by the Likud slogan.

This slogan is nauseating Strong leadership is not perceived as determined or brave, rather, it is perceived as authoritative and dismissive of the democratic order."

fiant Mr yahu, who faces a tight contest against Ehud Barak, the Labour leader, and Yitzhak Mordechai, head of a new centrist party, defended the slogan. He

dealing with the Palestinians. Labour, he said, would cave into their demands.

☐ Rafah: Three fugitives from Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, were arrested after two gunfights in the Gaza Strip. In the first incisecurity agent before fleeing in a car which ran over an eightyear-old girl who died of her injuries. The three were held hours later after another battle

with security forces. (AP)

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Dutch deny asylum

ABDULLAH OCALAN, the Kurdish rebel leader, is believed to have flown to Athens was seeking refuge in Russia. tempt to find refuge after being refused permission to land at Rotterdam.

Greece denied that the leader of the terrorist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) was at

to Kurdish fugitive the airport, but Turkey insisted that he flew there in a private plane. Last month he fled

from Italy to an unknown destination amid rumours that he Ocalan yesterday morning as an "undesirable". Despite Ankara's insistence that the plane

spokesman categorically de-

nied he was on Greek soil.

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Loggers 'risk spreading African killer viruses'

By Sam Kiley Africa correspondent

EUROPEAN logging compa-nies involved in the uncontrolled exploitation of Africa's rainforests could accidentally unleash more deadly viruses from the jungle and destroy mankind's ability to fight them, conservationists said yesterday after the source of HIV-I was traced to chimpanzees in Central Africa.

The threat of viruses, such as HIV, which causes Aids. and Ebola, which turns its victims' internal organs to pulp, spreading from infected animals has recently inspired films such as Outbreak, starring Dustin Hoffman.

But after the findings of an international team of scientists, published in Nature magazine tomorrow, which show that HIV-I was spread into the world from chimpanzees via people who hunted and ate them, the threat of more pandemics has become a frightening reality. So far, outbreaks of Ebola and its related diseases have been contained by doctors and scientists who have sealed off large areas of the tropical forests.

But Friends of the Earth and the Rainforest Foundation gave warnings yesterday that the pace of the destruction of the African rainforests by logging companies and their employees, who poach hundreds of tonnes of primate meat every year, means that future mass infections would be difficult to control.

Monkey meat has been a source of protein for huntergatherer communities living alongside the forests for decades. But, in the last few years, logging company employees



Dustin Hoffmann and Cuba Gooding Jr in a scene from Outbreak, which tells of a deadly virus epidemic

bosses to find their own food while working in West Africa. "It's a lot easier to give the employee a shotgun and tell him to go and shoot his own dinner than it is to organise food for him deep inside the rainforest," said Simon Counsell, a bio-diversity expert at the Rainforest Foundation.

"In many many cases it is foreign aid to African countries which is used to build roads through the forests which are then used by the loggers and the poachers. Then the meat is brought back into the cities, where it is considered a delicacy and sold by the tonne," he said.

In Kinshasa and Brazzaville, chimpanzees are sold live, or crucified and smoked. Other ape meats include the endangered lowland and silver-backed gorillas which are poached at a rate of b00 a year, while 300 chimpanzees. numbering only 250,000 around the world, are killed each year in West Africa.

"It is ironic that both the cause and the potential cure

ting under our noses for years in the chimpanzees of Central Africa. But this discovery shows how we are increasing the chances of exposure to similar diseases. With the widespread destruction of the forests, however, we have less

and less chance of finding

cures," said Sarah Tyack, the

forests campaign officer for Friends of the Earth. Poor African countries unable to sell agricultural products in Europe have little choice but to allow the exploitation of their forests, even those officially protected as national parks.

"How will the richer countries of the world, who buy African timber, compensate the producers for protecting this massive resource of medicinal plants, and dangerous diseases?" Mr Counsell said.

"We have, as yet, no idea of the potential benefits to mankind in those forests, and the potential dangers. We should surely, then, protect them," he

Pro-Jakarta gangs seek weapons

FROM DAVID WATTS

HUNDREDS of demonstrators seeking independence for East Timor marched yesterday on the capital, Dili, to pro-test against the arming of pro-Indonesian gangs accused of killing young men who refuse to join them.

The protesters wheeled through the town on motorbikes and lorries shouting "Viva Timor Leste", reinforcing the fears of integrationist militiamen. The pro-Jakarta activists will fly to the Indonesian capital today to appeal to General Wiranto, the armed forces' commander, for weaponry to defend themselves as

the situation worsens. The sudden Indonesian announcement that it is ready to abandon a 23-year stand and consider independence for the territory has led to clashes between rival groups and at least six people have been killed in the past week alone.

Even Xanana Gusmão, the guerrilla leader held in Jakarta's Cipinang jail for rebellion. wants a gradual process through autonomy to independence, but he admits that the majority of East Timorese want instant freedom. The Government has confirmed it will put Gusmão under house arrest to serve the balance of his 20-vear sentence.

The softening of Jakaria's stance on East Timor seems to be based on two factors: firstly, the recognition that retention of the territory in the face of international opposition has brought no benefits; and secondiv, annoyance among Muslims that a largely Roman Catholic territory is receiving Leading article, page 17 disproportionate funding.



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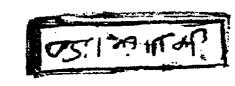
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'I don't feel like me. I'm scared'

Esychologist Lauren Slater has taken Prozac for ten years. In the mst extract **PROZAC** from her diary, she describes its extraordinary

It was as

had never heard of Prozac. It was 1988, the drug had just been released. I was one of the first to take it and, though I didn't know it, one of the first to stay on it for ten years.

Even then the Prozac doctor was busy, seeing 30, 40, 50 patients a day. "What is this stuff?" I asked. I heard my voice repeat itself in my ears, as so many sounds seemed to do: the screech of brakes, birdsong nipping at my brain. "Fluoxetine hydrochloride." He

said its chemical structure was similar to that of other medications I'd tried, but its action on the brain chemical serotonin made it a finer drug. He told me if a piano about serotonin's role in obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), the tuner had most recent of my many ills — a need to touch,

tweaked count, check and tap over and over. The doctor had my my ivory chart before him, thick as a phonebook: a diagbones nosis of borderline personality disorder since 19: hospitalisations in

1977, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1985 for de-

pression and anxiety-related problems; poor response to medication. I was six or so when I first felt the dwindling that is depression. I was on the porch; it was summer. From inside the house I heard my mother's heels tapping on the wood of our foyer floor. I was unable to reach her: maybe she moved too fast, or was too sad. She was stiff, a

lacquered lady. Because I couldn't feel her, I couldn't feel myself. People want to know about big things. Did she pierce you, did dishes crash down? But these are not the

events memory always makes as its markers. We never got along. What I recall most is the day I saw her ironing my clothes. Why, when we had three housekeepers and a butler, she was ironing my clothes I do not know. She lowered the hot block and moved with fast, angry strokes, and I felt, for the first time, not only how intensely but how erotically she wanted to erase me.

Later that day I bought a chocolate baby. I placed it on my tongue. I felt it move down my throat, into my stomach. When it mixed, at last,

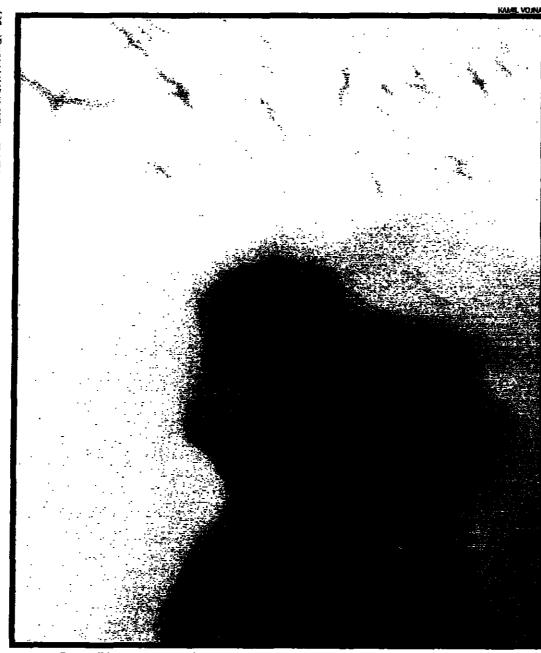
with my blood, the baby turned blue. At night, while on the floor below me my mother paced. I heard the baby turn and sometimes cry. I talked to it, and it could talk to me. Later I populated my innards with more figurative people, but this was the first.

At first I didn't think much of Prozac. I was still obsessive: touching, tapping, counting my way through the day. But I was sleeping betalthough my dreams were filled with images of

Then, five days after 1'd started Prozac, I opened my eyes at 8am. For the first time in months I had had a seamless eight hours' sleep. I looked at my hand. It was the same. The sink still dripped. The grass moved against my window. All the same, all different. What was it? A piano tuner used to come to

tidal pools and the sound of shouts.

our house when I was young. The piano never looked any different after he'd worked on it, but when I pressed a C key or F minor, the note sprung out richer. This was



"Prozac didn't start out as a dangerous drug, but over the months it sometimes became one"

what was different. It was as though I'd been visited by a piano tuner who had crept into my flat at night and tweaked the ivory bones of my body. Now the same notes,

but mellower, fuller, sprang out. Tempo, tone were different. Doctors say psychotropic drugs don't get a patient high; rather, they return the patient to a normal state of functioning. But what if a patient myself, say - has rarely, if ever, experienced a normal state of functioning? What if "regular life" has meant cutting one's arms? If this is the case, then the "normal state" Prozac ushers in is an experience in the surreal.

I remember running my hand over things to test the medicine's power, fiddling with the taps on my sink. Turning them on, then off,

but not completely, so the washers still dripped. It was OK. There would be no punishing flood. Not sure what to do next, I considered lunch. I pulled my menus out from the night-table drawer, the menus I had for several years carefully calculated for their calories, proteins and fats. The day's menu suggested mayonnaise, two rice cakes and mineral water. I'd been eating this the subjective distress of the consufor a long time. I couldn't quite be-

wanted something richer, some-

thing whipped and frozen. I had a lot of books, mostly non-fiction, because I'd always felt that in psychology, philosophy and theo-logy I might find clues about how to live my life. Now I stood by my bookshelves a little lost. They were full of death and anxiety. Everything was less relevant - my menus, the narratives that had had so much meaning for me. And in their place? Ice-cream. I went to get it.

I reckon that the initial e Prozac are in direct proportion to mer. I had experienced my various lieve that Low-cal mayonnaise? I psychiatric conditions as devastating: I was five and roses were red claws, I was ten and terrified to go outside, I was 12 and so thin that the bones turned to blades in my neck. In secret I cut myself. I knew nothing of pleasure. At 15 my life was the size of a hard, dark dot.

Now there was so much I wanted to try. I, a long-term mental patient in my twenties, had never been to a rock concert, had rarely left New England, had not in years eaten a meal without anxiety, taken a walk for no reason, let myself sleep late, dated a man; in short, just played.

Prozac did not start out as a dan-gerous drug, but over the months it sometimes became one. I began to range farther, getting reckless, hungry from all the time I'd lost to illness. I began going out late at night, prowling around until 2 or 3am. standing by the edge of the river. I felt invulnerable. I was 26, with the judgment of an early adolescent.

browned from the summer sun. My eyes were as clear as newly washed windows. I was the picture of health, as though I had finally come into the body meant for me, the body that had been with me even before birth. I felt at home in this body. This must be what people mean when they say "Prozac helped me to become the person I was meant



But it wasn't so simple. My personality had always consisted of suppressed energies and curiosities, but also depressions, intensities, drivenness that tipped into pain. Except for the counting and touching obsessions. I missed these things, or parts of them.

I had always recorded images in my journal. When I wrote, it was not from "me" but from eight people I pictured living inside me. While I knew they were not real, I still experienced them as flesh, heard them, felt them: three men who taunted me, three nine-yearolds, a girl trapped in a glass case and a blue baby, dead or dying.

These beings comprised my core. Now I picked up my pen and opened my journal. I closed my eyes and waited I said "yes" to myself, which in the past had been the signal for Blue Baby to speak to me. Now I heard silence.

"I don't feel like me," I told the different person now, both more and less like me, fulfilling one possibility while swerving from another.

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"So go off," he said No prescription today." Inside nI felt something seize and rece and reach.
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Feeling SAD and can't go to Barbados? Switch on

publishers' editors are taking to drink as deadlines come and go and manuscripts are not delivered. Most books are produced in the autumn in time for the Christmas market but others are published in May for which material has to be submitted in January. It couldn't be a more unfavourable time for authors who have depressive symptoms as, according to different experts, between 10 and 33 per cent of appreciably depressed patients suffer from easonal affective disorder, SAD. In the three bleakest, darkest months of winter, they are cast down by a loss of energy and feelings of hopeless-ness and self-doubt.

One 50-year-old author found that each November he developed writer's block and became seriously depressed. His publishers decided always to publish his books in October so that the final spurt could coincide with a hypomanic phase of vernal exuberance in April or May. Fre-quently, when spring arrives patients with SAD, who have been showing signs and symp-toms of depression in the winter months, become over-elated, over-excited - hypomanic - and, if writers, their computers patter away endlessly as they rush to meet their au-

rumn deadline. Before the diagnosis of SAD, a change in mood must have occurred in three different, but not necessarily consecutive, years, must last for at least two months and must show a complete remission once mornings become lighter and evenings draw out.

Although, by definition, SAD involves serious depres sion, minor degrees of it known as the "winter blues" affect a sizeable proportion of those living in northern, climes who feel tired and depressed during the winter. They may attribute their mood to recurrent colds and flu, or they may blame the wet weather, but the essential factor is lack of light. Ninety per cent of the population have less joie de vivre in the winter.

SAD has characteristics which may separate it from



ticular, SAD is thought to be associated with over-eating, especially with a craving for car-bohydrates. Sleep patterns, as in most cases of depression. are altered. However, hypersomnia, the dormouse effect, whereby the patient likes to spend a large portion of the winter in bed, hibernating and hiding from the world, is found more frequently in SAD than in other types of depres-sive illness in which insomnia

predominates.
Patients with SAD suffer from standard symptoms of depression such as a lack of selfworth, irritability, guilt, sense of hopelessness and lethargy, but although everything becomes an effort, depression lifts as the day goes on. Not all patients will show hypersomnia or an over-fondness for chocolate, but many have insomnia, loss of appetite and diminished libido. Since we can't all go to Bar-

bados, the medicine chest will have to become an old-fashioned capacious cabin trunk large enough to contain a speto produce at least 2,500 lux (LX), which will give a light five times brighter than that of

a well-lit office. Many sitting rooms have light as low as 100 LX. Exposure to an artificially bright light fools the pineal gland at the base of the brain into thinking it is summertime so that it secretes less melatonin. During the night, me-latonin is produced which not only makes us drowsy but, in heavy doses, affects mood. On long, dark, dull days, melatonin is produced in greater quantity. Melatonin levels also seem to bear a relationship to those of serotonin; a neurotransmitter also known as

the jolliest become depressed. The stronger the light, the shorter the patient needs to be exposed to it. With 10,000 lux, 30 minutes is enough, with 2,500 lux, one to two hours will be needed. The light must be ped but it is not necessary to look into it, so that even the

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Sir Pau Condon on the Lawrence inquiry race and his own future. Interviw by Vanora Bennett

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reforms that will no doubt come out of the inquiry." The irony is that Sir Paul has spent his six years in charge of the Met establishing a reputation as a reformer with an instinct for morality. Despite cuts in funding and staff, he has brought reported

crime figures in London down to a ten-year low. Despite its unpopularity within 26,000-strong force, he has also launched an anti-corruption campaign, which has resulted in 35 officers being charged and another 50 to 60 being suspended. And yet the

that was the case," he says, "I

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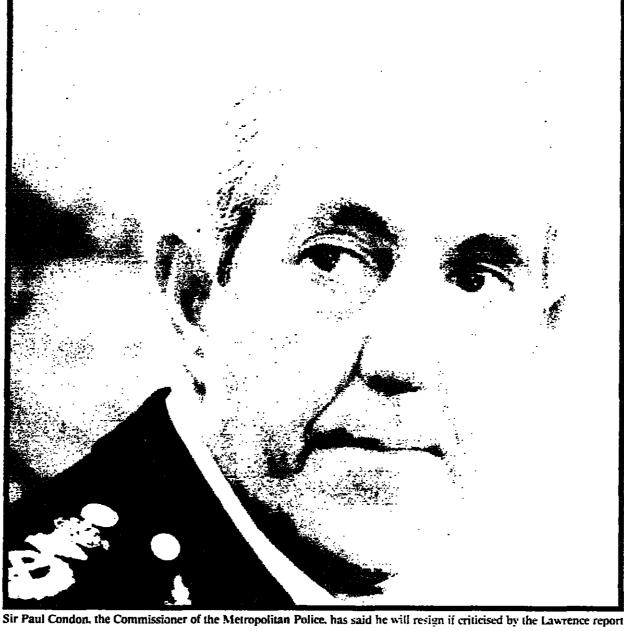
challenge in my life. I believe

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botched investigation into the Lawrence case may prove the most enduring public memory of policing during Sir Paul's time in office. Stephen Lawrence, who hoped to become an architect, was stabbed by a gang of white youths in Eltham south London, in April 1993 — a few weeks after Sir Paul took over the Met. The killers are still at liberty. Years of embarrassing revelations have exposed how a mainly white police force neglected the investigation of a

white-on-black crime. The backlash has left Lawrence's parents folk heroes and the Met's reputation for racial fairness in tatters.

The inquiry report — which will be delivered to Jack Straw, the Home Secretary. later this month - is expected to be critical of Scotland Yard's handling of the case and its failure to secure successful prosecutions. Letters of criticism are being sent in advance to at least nine serving and former police officers.

There's a near missionary zeal about Sir Paul as he outlines the work he would like to do in 1999, which he hopes will be his last year before he retires next January. His goal now is to improve the confidence of non-white Londoners in their police by recruiting more non-white officers.

The big challenge for us is diversity." he says - politically correct-speak for employing non-white non-males on an equal basis. He breaks off and walks across his office to rummage in a desk: "I seem to remember a photo," he muses. Yes, here, that's me on my first day in the Met. 32 years ago. Slim, dark . . . " he laughs shows a group of young police recruits - with a lone black face among the four white ones. That was the first day that a black member of the public joined the Met," Sire

Paul adds."Norwell Robert." A modern colour photo has also appeared, showing a grey-haired Sir Paul and a thicker-set Robert shaking hands. "That one is Norwell's retirement, 30 years later. I was proud that he invited me

to speak at his retirement par-'I want my officers to be inspired by the way

they fight

racism'

ty. Norwell was a detective sergeant with a distinguished career. I was very pleased to recommend him for the Queen's Police Medal for very distinguished service. So I've seen the history of ethnic recruiting from Norwell through to over 400 when I came back as Commissioner." Now about 900 officers are

colleagues from an ethnic background", he says. Nonwhite recruitment has risen to about 8 per cent of total intake. and more recruitment schemes will be launched in the next two months. At the Lawrence inquiry, Sir

Paul raised hackles by refusing to say there was "institutional racism" in the Met. But he says defensively that there were good legal reasons for balking at this label. "Is there racism in the police

service? Yes, there is, Is that racism more than a few had apples? Yes, it is, is it a major challenge for the police service? Yes, it is," he says, in a vaguely oratorical and soundbite-rich style favoured by the practised interviewee.

"Why then did I hesitate aloud when I was pressed at the inquiry to sign up to institutional racism? Because the inquiry is a very legal process which is going to set the tone for how we deal with these matters for the next five to tenyears. And the definition of înstitutional racism was given to us by Lord Scarman 20 years ago. He said it means that, knowingly, as a matter of

"Now I don't come to work and knowingly as a matter of policy set out to be racist. Nor do I believe the majority of my colleagues do. The challenge with institutional racism is that you're saving you're not a racist and no one in your office is - but somehow this mist comes under the door called institutional racism and it

policy, you are racist.

influences your behaviour." would like to come out of the inquiry, he says. is not a negative, facademic, divisive" description of the problem, but a positive and uplifting prescription — a recipe for how to move on. He says:

inspired by the challenges of combating racism." Meanwhile, he is taking comfort from a MORI poll he commissioned last year. "The number of people who said they trusted the Met went up

"I want my police officers to be

last year." he says. Sir Paul talks about his future with a breezy cheerfulness: "There's been a serendipity about my life that I'm sure will continue. I'll be 52 next January: that feels young, so I

shall be doing lots of things." Among the retirement activities he is planning are charity work, and teaching and writing at St Peter's College. Oxford, where he read taw before joining the Met and has since been made an honorary Fellow. He also hopes the resource", both in London and in Kent, where he was Chief Constable until 1993 and

where he and his wife still live. Most important he will get to know his family again: "It's a privilege to do this job, but there is life beyond being a Commissioner and it would be nice to indulge me and my fam-

ily in things beyond policing." He lists his children with pride: the daughter who married last year, the son of 24 working for a blue-chip company and his youngest boy doing A levels. "I should start with the most important person. my wife," he grins. "The Boss and I have been married for 30 years this year. I've been lucky to have a wife who's supported me through everything.

There's a wistfulness in Sir Paul's voice when he suggests that the improvements he has made to policing deserve more sure there is a bener quality of life. One of the sad traits in Britain is that we are too quick a huge amount to be proud of. and that's what I would hope to be remembered for."

Love, marriage and flexisex

Tom Spencer's wife didn't mind that he was bisexual. Is that so unusual? Anjana Ahuja reports

persona and private individual to the limit. To onlookers, he was a successful Conservative MEP with an adoring, professional wife, attractive children and a Surrey mansion. To others, he was a homosevual who lived dangerously, dating a male porn star and dabbling in drugs.

But the most surprising aspect of the episode is that his wife of 19 years had apparently given her blessing to this state of affairs. Moreover, she knew of his bisexuality before marriage and was happy to continue a physical relation-ship while Mr Spencer pur-sued other affairs. "I'm not saying jour situation is common, but I suspect it is not as unusual as people might think," she was reported to have told journalists at the

Dr Judith Freedman, a consultant psychiatrist in psycho-therapy at the Portman Clinic in London, agrees: "In marriages where the husband has homosexual tendencies it is not at all uncommon for the partner to know before the marriage began. Sometimes the 'knowing' can be a hunch. or it can be more explicit."

So why do women stay in such partnerships? "It may relieve the wife of her own worries about her commitment to the relationship," says Dr Freedman. The full weight of an intimate relationship no longer falls on her."

Lee Everett, the former wife of the comic Kenny Everett who died of an Aids-related illness in 1995, knew that Ev. as she called him. had gay leanings when she met him, but that didn't stop them getting together. "I fell in love with him," says Everett, who teaches healing and works with the Institute of Complementary Medicine, and is now married to the actor John Alkin. "We used to say that if it weren't for that one thing, we would have the perfect relationship."

But they had their own agendas. "Ev thought that being gay was wrong, and used to torment himself about it." she says. "He thought being married would change that.

om Spencer stretched And I thought I could change the gulf between public him. In the end, he came out completely, and that's when I decided to finish it. I could not have done what Mrs Spencer has done. But I understand why she stayed - love is difficult to walk away from, You could ask the same thing of women who are battered. They keep going back because of love.

David Northmore, the news editor of the Pink Paper, is not surprised by the Spencers' arrangement and thinks such marital situations are not so rare. Mr Spencer, it seems, is simply subscribing to a new "flexisex" culture, in which people are a lot more accept-



Tom Spencer and his wife

ing of their own various sexu-

al identities. "This shows that Tom Spencer is not dissimilar to the next man, because he has a complex, multifaceted sexual identiny." he says. "We have gay, straight and bisexual, but those labels leave out a huge army of people, particularly the young, who may have a heterosexual identity but occasionally practise gay sex quite openly. They don't want a 'bi' label because such identities are set in concrete. Being bisexual means one is equally attracted to men and women, vet you can have a man who eventually wants to settle down and get married who wants a gay fling. For him, it's a bit risqué, a bit transient.

"We are taught to believe the storybook version of rela-tionships, which is that we should all get married and have 2.4 kids. But life isn't like the storybooks and neither

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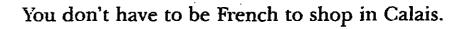
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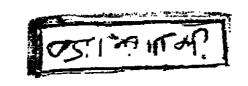
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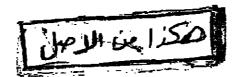
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Hoddle affair is Tony Blair's

been proud of Tony Blair. The bearded Tudor tyrant would be delighted that the tonsured People's Premier is maintaining the right of the executive to make religious appointments. The Prime Minister has already exerted himself over the selection of minor clerics, rejecting both the Church's nominees for the bishopric of Liverpool. and preferring his own favourite. But now Mr Blair has intervened to place the black spot next to the name of an altogether more elevated spiritual figure. Glenn Hoddle has been found guilty of heresy.

Just as all the most important matters of Roman Catholic doctrine are promulgated from the papal throne, ex cathedra, so the Prime Minister chose a platform consonant with the dignity of his position, and used This Morning, with Richard and Judy, to pronounce ex comfy sofa. Mr Blair declared that it will be 'very difficult" for the England football team coach to stay in post as a consequence of remarks he made in The

Times on Saturday.
Has the blood of Charlie Whelan been cleansed from Alastair Campbell's axe? Is Cardinal Irvine ready to administer extreme unction? Then, off with this Hod!

Hoddle should be flattered. He now joins an elite group. which includes Deirdre Ra-

chid of Coronation Street and a Danish tourist in the Seychelles, in whose fate Mr Blair has taken a very personal interest. The Downing Street press machine has been assiduous in informing the nation of the Prime Minister's efforts on behalf of the drown-Dane and dreary Deirdre. But

Mr Blair was happy to hide his light under a Campbell. When it comes, however, to the grim business of letting a football manager know he has to go, then Mr Blair reluctantly shuffles into the arc-lights to pronounce sentence.

We were witnessing another wave of constitutional innovation from the Great Moderniser. The nationalisation of the Football Association and the execution of its coach were given the Blairite assent from 7 our new Upper House - the This Morning studio, where the powerful are traditionally held so rigorously to account.

The views on reincarnation and personal belief which have placed Mr Hoddle in the dock are perhaps not those one expects from a football manager, let alone the England coach. But the real conduct unbecoming is not Hoddle's, it is the Government's. The manner, and the substance, of its reaction is the graver offence.

Government by chat show is bad enough, but it is deeply unsettling that the Prime Minister should feel he can now pronounce on the public acceptability of religious opinions, and decide the suitability of individuals for employment by independent bodies.

Mr Blair's appearance was not a stray exercise in slum-ming, no moment of madness. It was part of a calculated strategy revealed at the week-

end. The Downing Street ly, tired of the Government's historic achievements being ignored by newspapers which are obsessed with "soap-opera gossip" and "trivia". So, instead, the Prime Minister will speak to his people through more elevated media.

Des O'Connor's studio will enjoy a return visit, perhaps to help us to explore the peace chat to Tony again soon, possibly to tease out the constitutional implications of the euro. And, if we need to explore the modalities of adoption policy, perhaps Jerry Springer could help. We can now see that the MP who has had the greatest influence on the shaping of new Labour's distinctive approach was neither Mandelson nor Brown. but Robert Kilroy-Silk.

This flight from scrutiny is accompanied, not surprisingly, by a flexing of authority. The Prime Minister, having redefined what Labour Party members should believe so that it is in conformity with his own conscience, now feels able to dictate what is an acceptable faith for the rest of us. Reincarnation, a tenet of

Hindu and Buddhist belief, is now, according to Mr Blair, "very offensive". Does that mean Mr Blair will ask the Dalai Lama to consider his position? Or will it mean that Mr Blair will return the Blair will return the

> Millennium Dome's "Spirit Zone" by the Hinduja brothers, faithful adherents of Shiva? If belief in reincarnation really is "deeply offensive" then how can the Dome be funded with this tainted

Hindu cash? And if the Prime Minister can tell us what religious be-

it is a small step to decreeing that certain faiths debar their holders from office. Welling-ton may have considered that it was time, in the 1820s, to remove religious barriers to participation in public life, but he was clearly a little hasty in opening the great offices of state to heretics. How can we tolerate an England coach so grievously in error in matters of the spirit?

¬ he Prime Minister clearly cares about football, although it would be interesting to see if his attendance record at St James' Park is any better than it is in Parliament. So, who can blame him for intervening to decree what are suitable managerial appointments? After all. why else was the Premier League so named?

Mr Blair also reminded us yesterday that he is a dedicated Newcastle fan. Ruud Gul-lit's boys haven't been doing too well recently. If I were the Newcastle manager, I should refrain from offering opinions on anything other than the superiority of a flat back four versus the sweeper system lest the Prime Minister use an appearance on Vanessa to denounce this overstepping of head. As Henry VIII proved, once the axe has been wielded it can prove addictive.

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WHICH PROBABLY MEANS WE'LL COME BACK AS GLENN HODDLE!"

Can't boss, won't boss

public sector pay round does not, as a rule, set me rambling down philosophical alleys. Generally, we embittered old lefties merely mark the event by snarling "pay the nurses, pay the teachers, use the taxes, you know it makes sense". and then stumping off to the pub in

disgust when it doesn't happen.
This time, though, one wellleaked detail has haunted me for days, tuning through one station after another to phone-ins and interviews and soundbites. This is the proposal to increase the salary of primary head teachers by up to 10 per cent, while their staffs get only 2

The aim, it appears, is to encourage application for headships in small primary schools. Not enough teachers want to be boss. In the last vacancies were not filled; in London boroughs 60 per cent. Statistically and anecdotally, there is plenty of proof that happy classroom teachers shrink from taking on the burden of leadership; and who can blame temperamental them? But for the system to work. one in seven primary teachers eventually has to be either a head or a deputy: it is not a world where it is

a deputy: It is not a world where it is easy to hide happily in the ranks. Yet the rumblings on the radio suggested disaffection. "Why." asked one young teacher, "should heads be offered 10 per cent? They are only first among equals." "We are a team," said another. "It is insulting to set them apart as insulting to set them apart as something special." A strangely 1960s tone prevailed, as it distressingly often does when you listen to teachers. There was a Utopian. hippy feeling there: a subtext that the times are a-changing, that we ain't gonna work on Maggie's Farm no more, that the first shall be last and that the giving and accepting of

orders is, frankly, man, an affront to Well, you see where the philoso-phising is leading me. You see why the question ricochets into every corner of national life. What is leadership worth? What does it deserve? Is it something to splash out on, and once you have bought it, how much can you ask in return?
I can speak with some authority

on the nature of leadership, for the shaming reason that I do not have a flicker of the stuff. Never wanted to be chairman or colonel or MD or editor: the very thought appals. I suspect that there are a good few of us out here, quietly recognising that

The pay award to heads throws into focus the real qualities of leadership

we are Indians not Chiefs. We will be dedicated and inventive, creatives, sloggers, team players, lieutenants, mentors to the young anything and everything, but spare us the top job. Can't boss, won't boss. If I were a teacher I would lock myself in the stationery cupboard when they came trawling for

Heads. This has nothing at all to do with being female. There are plenty of men who feel the same (though it is harder for them to admit it) and one

our age has been to watch the good-nawhich women have taken command in every area from the City to ocean racing. No. it is a lection, shared by both sexes. But it makes those of us who have it supersensitive to the qualand willing to accept that if they do

of the delights of

ities of real leaders, it right they are worth paying for.
I secretly felt this even in 1968, when revulsion against the boss-class reached its apogee and fellow-students

ranted against vice-chancellors and the Warden of All Souls. Guiltily aware that I would rather beg in the Underground than be warden of anything, ever, I retained a sneaking. unfashionable sympathy for anyone who had to manage a pack of other people. I also studied them. trying to gauge what magical combination of confidence, clarity, receptiveness and resistance to pressure make a good leader, and why some are no good at all.

It is an important subject - the important subject. It affects every human institution, yet for all our seminars and motivational gobbledegook, a thicket of confusion surrounds it. The grumbling at the heads' proposed pay rise is only one small symptom; an opposite symptom is the proliferation of fat-cat pay

rises in commerce (and in the fake commerce of privatised utilities). In the case of schools we find it hard to shake off the Sixties attitude that all are equal. In the commercial world we allow the equally erroneous Eighties attitude that, if you pay a ludicrous sum to your chief executive, the sheer magic of money will make him or her effective. The Victor Rice case — £17 million for closing his outfit down - is only the latest example of fat-cattism, and at

least it is a proper risk-taking outfit.

More disturbing is the crazy habit of tised utilities - who take no personal risk whatever, and get large payoffs when they fail. Both are distortions of the idea of

leadership. Exactly where the top salary should be set relative to the lowest is always up for discussion: the idealistic American company Ben & Jerry's once tried to restrict it to a 7:1 ratio, and failed because no executive would work for so little. Note that in

our schools it is barely 3:1 at the extremes. This wavering attitude to money and perks is not the only evidence that we are confused about leadership. The other oddity is that — with honourable exceptions — prominent people fail to grasp that when they let the office down they have to go. The most startling aspect of the MEP Tom Spencer's troubles at the weekend was the interview he gave while he was still trying to hang on to his seat. Despite the drugs and porn, he really seemed to think that because he had said "sorry", admitted to stupidity and been forgiven by his nice wife and daughters, everything was all right and he should be allowed to stay on in the European Parliament. Likewise, the weirdest thing about Glenn Hoddle's amus

ingly crypto-Buddhist theological

outburst is his conviction that having upset so many people (on top of blowing the World Cup) he is as good as new

Had either of these men been a proper leader, he would have grasped long ago that once you put on a mantle of office you forfeit small luxuries, like expressing your private theory of cosmic punish-ment for disabled babies, or accepting illicit substances from louche contacts in Amsterdam. Admittedly it must be a hard life, being above suspicion; I had a wonderful letter once from a former headmaster who in his retirement moved two hundred miles and resumed his boyhood pursuit of poaching. "It isn't the free pheasants," he wrote, "it's the joy of not setting a good

In short, we grudge money to of them, fling mad-money at others, and fail to make it clear to any of them what we expect. It needs thinking through.

example any more."

hile we do so, and before we jib at the idea of village head teachers being worth a few extra quid, we might meditate on what this idyllic job can be like. I refer you to a hair-raising account in last Friday's Times Educational Supplement of Mrs Julie Murray, headmistress in a run-down former mining village in West Yorkshire. Minister about it. On a typical day, one six-year-old's family possessions have been burnt by an irate landlord, including his reading folder: snap decision — must his mother pay? Another child brings in a form unsigned because her home does not own a pen. The school needs new fencing and a panic button because a known paedophile is haunting it — and oops, a man has just broken in to the nursery. Two small girls arrive distressed and breakfastless after walking around all night because the moth-

er's violent boytriend is back. In the midst of this the school must be administered and improved, and children and parents cheered and given heart. Clearly, all the staff are heroic; equally clearly, the woman who leads and enables them and answers the hard questions quickly deserves even more. Why? Because it all hangs on her. She's the leader.

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Cherie picker

BUT FOR Chie Booth, British politics might ave been rather different. WhenTony Blair was first elected, Mitael Howard and Norman Lamonwere so charmed by his friendly anner that they considered him aossible convert.
Soon after the 1983 election, Howard suggests to Lamont that they throw a dintr for the Blairs. The three coups met at the Howards' in Pirico. Blair was delightful, but Chrie sat pursedlipped. After the 3 lairs left, the Tories concluded ver cigars that the only reason it new MP had not joined their pay was his wife
— whom they both und terrifying.

◆ A GLAMOROU pre-wedding job for Sophie Rh-Jones: "JCB clothing." The consuction firm. of mucky digger fam is to design fashionable casuawear for rugged sorts. Sophie sayshe is looking forward to "a long 1d rewarding relationship" with 'e truckers. I hope she models the re ("exclusively available in Debenams") at her little party this sumer.

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like Nicole Kidman are ny interesting, but we're not surely fulfil the criteria exactly." Howilly: few Aussies are interesting but Ms Kidman is at least photonic.

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me. "We won't be condering any such proposal." Goodle Walic?

● A BIOGRAPHY of ancy Astor has upset the agent f our first female MP. The Langerne Sisters is by Astor's grandsorfames Fox.
"You would think thathe wasn't a kind person." says Fridie Knox.
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LORD SHAWCROSS, rosecutor at Nuremberg, was so deperate to become Chancellor of Susex Uni-Harold Macmillan to intivene. A barrage of his letters, list unearthed, to Viscountess vaverley, show that Shawcross felt in chance had been blighted by his letters. had been blighted by bittl gossip from a filthy hack who or one often odd emotional reaso hates me". Macmillan was not incrested.

JASPER GEIARD

Quangos are now usurping the role once played by the beadle in the workhouse, and are deciding what goes on our plates

odern demons seem to come in white coats.
In the Sixties the scientifically trained, from Quateriours. Now Doctor Jekyll has become Professor Hyde. Scien-tists may be able to trace the origins of Aids, and raise hopes of a cure, but there seems to be no antidote to the fear of progress

which grips the modern mind. Nowhere is this new fear better demonstrated than in the world of genetics. Here the wolf is supposed to lurk beneath Dolly the sheep's clothing. The prejudice is directed particularly against genetically modified (GM) crops and food. Those opposed to progress talk of superweeds taking over the world, and as yet undetected "long-term side-effects".

This week the critics of progress gathered under the banner of Greenpeace to de-

nounce GM food. Too many cooks may spoil the argument recruited "more than 100 chefs and food writers" who were opposed to "freakish" genetically

modified foods. Writing in Sunday's Observer. Joanna Blythman, the food writer spearheading the campaign, accused the Government of "rolling over for the biotech industry" despite "every indicator of public opinion" showing that "the more consumers know about gene foods, the less they want them". It is certainly true that the more these campaigners spread scares about GM foods the less likely stores are to stock them.

After a year of high-profile
criticism by a range of environmental interest groups, major supermarkets are shrinking

Tony Gilland

been genetically modified. State bodies, equally fearful of what they believe public reaction to be, are calling for yet further regulation. Quangos are now usurping the role once played by the beadle in the workhouse, and are deciding what goes on our plates. English Nature has de-manded a moratorium on the commercial growth of GM crops. It claims to want to protect farmland birds and wildlife from "unknown effects". Jeff Rooker, Food Safety Minister, has informed farmers of the "tight

regulatory controls" being put in place "to protect consumers". What no one has pointed out, however, is that public concerns about GM food are the most artificially manufactured thing in this whole debate. Fears have

with ingredients which have not been shaped by a coalition of green interest groups.

A survey conducted by NOP for the Food and Drink Federa-

tion in 1995 found that only 22 per cent of respondents were likely to buy products resulting from biotechnology. The same survey, however, found that only 23 per cent were likely to avoid such products. Forty-five per cent wanted more information.

And they got it, but all from the anti-GM campaigners. By June 1998, when MORI conducted a survey for Genewatch, 61 per cent of respondents said that they would not be happy to eat genetically modified food. Clearly opinion had been influenced. All by a fear of "the unknown". Survey questions are shame-

survey conducted by Gallup for Iceland used a definition of genetic modification, approved by an anti-GM foods campaigner, which clearly sought to heighten the respondents' con-cerns. It described the transfer of genes "from a human to a pig to make it grow faster and lean-er". But no product manufactured like this is on the market.

ther polls do show that purchase GM tomatoes or potatoes once they realise that the GM varieties required "fewer pesticide applications". But while the only thing which polls really prove is that survey data need to be treated with caution, those results which fit in with the prevailing mood of superstition are hyped. The efforts of green interest groups, timorous retaillessly framed in a way likely to ers and regulation-addicted govproduce the scariest results. A ernments conspire to reinforce comment@the-times.co.uk

phantom fears. It is no surprise that the public becomes more suspicious of technology. Public opinion is being shaped by those who, for ideological

reasons, advocate a return to small-scale localised farming. These new medievalists would deny the public the actual and potential benefits of modern technology that can deliver cheaper, better-tasting foods, with extra nutrients where debrings the dream of real progressives nearer, better food at lower prices. Why make the expensive journey backwards to "organic" agriculture? Cheap food has been the progressives' call in Britain since the time of the Corn Laws. It should be so again.

The author is a director of Open Dialogue Limited.

GAME OVER

Hoddle hangs on by half-truth, half-sense and dishonour

Not for the first time Tony Blair has demonstrated his ability to articulate the most decent popular instincts of the country. Although the management of England's football team is some distance from his usual brief, the Prime Minister was right to give a reply when asked about the comments made by Glenn Hoddle and reported in The Times on Saturday, and correct in his assertion that those remarks. if accurate, were "very offensive" and made it "very difficult for him to stay" in his present, exceptionally public, position.

Mr Blair, again properly, cautioned that no final decision should be made until Mr Hoddle had been offered the chance to put forward an explanation. A few hours later Mr Hoddle took that opportunity in a set of television interviews which, taken together. constituted a degrading farrage of halftruth and evasion, the incoherent and inconsistent combined.

At one moment he claimed that he had never said "them things" with the clear implication that the reporter must have invented them. In another setting he qualified his words somewhat, denying only that he had never said directly that disabled and handicapped people are paying now for past failings. Within seconds he then hinted that the quotes concerned may have been accurate but had been misinterpreted. To add further conclusion both Mr Hoddle and his agent, Dennis Roach, later left the impression that whatever he did or did not say he had thought it was off the record.

Mr Hoddle seems determined to compound his original offence. No amount of waffle can alter the exact words that the English coach chose to put forward to Matt Dickinson on Thursday: "You and I have been physically given two hands and two legs and half-decent brains. Some other people (have) not been born with that for a reason. There is a karma working off from another lifetime." In case of any confusion he reiterated his thoughts with the phrase "What you sow you have to reap, good and bad, not just disabilities". Mr Hoddle offered his thoughts freely and at length. He was not, as he seemed to suggest yesterday, deceived into outlining a set of Il-developed thoughts.

While Mr Hoddle continues with the claim that others have conspired to do him down, his apparent apology to those whom he has undoubtedly offended lacks all credibility. His latest words serve only to reinforce the already substantial doubts that exist about his judgment. An outright ad mission that he had said something that he has subsequently come to regret would have been more honest and allowed him to

preserve some personal honour. The Football Association cannot content itself with extracting a pledge from Mr Hoddle that he will in future confine his words to football rather than expand on his personal philosophy. The English coach manufactured yet more reasons yesterday why he should now submit his resignation - and why, if that resignation does not come, he should be removed from his post.

PROFESSIONAL PAY

Blunkett offers common sense in the classroom

Evaluating performance and rewarding success in education has long been a subject of heated debate. Testing children offended many progressive theorists, who attacked it as "divisive". The same argument is now being used against the Government's plans to pay teachers according to performance. When the Education Secretary, David Blunkett, announced yesterday that classroom teachers' salaries would increase by an above inflation level of 3.5 per cent, some head teachers' pay would rise by up to 9.5 per cent, and that teachers' pay will be linked to their performance, the teaching unions accused him of unfairness. There were warnings that industrial action is closer than "for many, many years". Such an approach reflects the unions' outdated outlook. Mr Blunkett is simply trying to make the profession like any other: one where hard work, dedication and motivation are rewarded with promotion and remuneration. Classroom teachers do deserve higher pay, but increases should be linked to performance.

Mr Blunkett is right to award primary school head teachers a larger pay rise than their colleagues in secondary schools. His strategy to raise standards in numeracy and literacy largely depends on the primary sector, which is suffering from a chronic shortage of head teachers. Last year more than a quarter of the vacancies for heads and deputies had to be readvertised. Higher pay might attract new recruits, and should help to retain existing heads. Head teachers in secondary schools have little reason to complain, as they now have the potential to earn up to £70,000 a year.

The moans from the teaching unions about classroom teachers' pay have less to do with this year's settlement than Mr Blunkett's plans for performance-related pay. Their members should be thankful that, for the first time in four years, their pay rise will be not be staged. Furthermore, by September up to 250,000 teachers will be eligible to apply for appraisal under

!:e Government's new pay scheme. Those who pass the assessment should receive an immediate pay rise of up to 10 per cent. The fact that union leaders are not rejoicing at this prospect, but condemning the principles on which the new system is based, reflects their antiquated approach to

To any other professional, Mr Blunkett's mechanism for judging teachers' performance is commonsense. He has resolutely stuck to the principle that evaluations will be based on what can be measured objectively. To enter the new system. teachers will be expected to demonstrate (among other attributes) that their pupils have a "consistent pattern of high achievement". If teachers pass this assessment, future pay rises will depend on their meeting three objectives - one of which "should involve target-setting for expected pupil performance or progress". Mr Blunkett must withstand any attempt to break this link. Diluting it, and biasing evaluation in favour of subjective criteria would risk rewarding mediocrity, not excellence.

The Education Secretary proposes that the new system will be policed by external assessors. Although schools are groaning under the weight of circulars, this new army of officials is a necessary evil. Up to £1 billion will be spent implementing the pay and performance proposals. An alien culture in most schools, their enforcement will require a watchful eye. Mr Blunkett should instruct these consultants to adopt a light touch, intervening in the assessments by head teachers and governors only when absolutely necessary.

The sooner these changes are in place, the better. Most parents will ignore teaching unions' complaints that the new system is bad because it is divisive. Slowly but steadily, the classroom egalitarianism, which dictates that every teacher should be treated in the same way, will disappear. At last, those who teach their pupils better than others will be given the pay that they undoubtedly deserve.

THE SIMIAN LINK

Developing an Aids vaccine may still take years

The discovery that the human Aids virus from ape to man also appears to be linked originated in chimpanzees has raised hopes that scientists may be nearer the goal that has eluded them for years - the development of a vaccine. The disease has infected 35 million people and still has no cure. Anything that illuminates its mysterious origins is a significant step in the research needed to understand the structure and behaviour of the virus.

It is particularly welcome that scientists have laboured on, despite the taboos that have burdened Aids with political and social controversy, pursuing the lead that appeared most promising almost a decade ago when it was widely supposed that Aids originated in Africa. They have not been deterred by the uproar of those who claimed this was a slur on Africans or denounced supposed links to simian immuno-deficiency virus (SIV) as degrading. But it would be wrong to raise false hopes. For despite intense political pressure to move to human trials of prototype vaccines, scientists are now reluctantly concluding that all such tests are premature. It could be a decade before an effective vaccine can be developed.

The importance of the latest discovery is that the primate species has a 98 per cent genetic correspondence to human beings. But it is not affected by the virus. Could the reason why humans sicken but not chimpanzees lie in the small genetic differences between the two? The spread

to the killing of chimpanzees for food. This reinforces two urgent campaigns: to preserve the apes that may prove vital for research; and to stop the hunting and eating of this endangered species.

President Clinton has set 2007 as the target by which a vaccine should be available. But politics, once a barrier to Aids research, may now be setting unrealistic deadlines. Aids experts told the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that the attempt to develop a vaccine that relies on stimulating an antibody response has been a failure. And the SIV vaccine tested on macaque monkeys actually gave some of them full-blown Aids. Laboratory strains of HIV are also different from those found in the wild. An entirely new approach, depending instead on stimulating killer T-cells, may now be needed.

This is depressing news for countries such as Thailand, straining under an avalanche of cases, which are desperate to begin trials. Unfortunately, only a few drug companies are showing interest, for only a vaccine that is cheap to make can find a market in Africa and Asia. Research will continue and new discoveries may result from the chimpanzee connection. But for the foreseeable future the fight against Aids must be fought with social weapons: prevention, education and responsible personal behaviour.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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after Ashdown

From Mr V. N. Bingham

Sir, Simon Jenkins ('Turn left for No 10", January 27) is unfair to the Ashdown legacy — but realistic about the future path for the Liberal Demo-

He is is unfair to Paddy Ashdown's efforts to change from a radical viewpoint the Government's lurches into Blatcherism. Increased expenditure on health, education and crime prevention; greater participation in the European Union; more ethical foreign policies - these have been the meat of constructive opposition. The involvement in Cabinet committee has been to push ahead the long-standing Liberal commitment to devo-lution and fairer voting systems. Paddy's approach, while leading to a more disciplined parliamentary

party, has not inhibited the progress being made in London and the northern cities in particular — in firstly extinguishing Tory representation and then eroding Labour monopolies

in city, county and town halls.

In Liverpool, Sheffield, Stockport, Islington and many other places, we have proved time and time again that Liberal principles, policies and prac-tical solutions can be well understood and supported. The result is seen in the ballot boxes of run-down, highunemployment, crime-ridden council

Now we can see that some of the aspirant middle-class meritocracy are also rethinking their support for a Government which has bombed Iraq without UN authority, been ambiva-lent about the East Timor invasion and is still hesitant about monetary

If our new leader has the courage to confirm and develop the separate identity of the Liberal Democrats, I believe that he or she will not only consolidate the unity and relevance which Paddy created, but also fill the need for a popular political movement of the Left.

Yours faithfully, V. N. BINGHAM (Chair, North West Liberal Democrats, 1992-95), 34 Ashwood Avenue, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 ZZB. January 27.

From Mr Tom Miers

Sir, As a Conservative candidate in the last election in Scotland, I was well versed in the various debates about devolution and its implications.

I distinctly remember the Liberal Democrats sharing our belief that Scots MPs should have no say on English matters after the Scottish parliament had been set up to run Scottish affairs. They advocated a series of English regional parliaments a solution to this problem, the so-called "West Lothian question".

Yet we now see three prominent Liberal Democrat Westminster MPs from Scotland in the race to become leader of the UK party. Although Malcolm Bruce and Menzies Campbell are outsiders. Charles Kennedy appears to be favourite for the job. May I ask what authority Kennedy for either of the others, for that matter would have to speak on most domestic issues? As Westminster MPs none of them has any power in Scotland, or as Scots MPs any legitimacy in England. Surely it would be a bit like having

a party leader in the House of Lords - theoretically possible but lacking any credibility in practice.

Yours faithfully, TOM MIERS, 14 Hawthorn View, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7. thomas.miers@kpmg.co.uk February 1.

From Baroness Maddock, President of the Liberal Democrats

Sir. Of course Simon Jenkins, in common with most of our political opponents, would like the Liberal Democrats to make a random jurch to the left. In the early 1990s he wanted us to take up the Eurosceptic baton and fight on a nationalist ticket. A political party exists to promote its principles and to implement its policies — not to fill a temporarily empty niche in the market.

It might suit The Times if we took ourselves off to the political wilderness but we shall ignore your siren

DIANA MADDOCK, President. Liberal Democrats, 4 Cowley Street, SW1P 3NB. January 27.

Heroes and villains

From Dr Klaus Meyer

Sir, Lord Nelson is unpopular not only in Naples (report, January 22) but also in Copenhagen, where he firebombed the entire city, with the loss of considerable civilian life after Denmark had declared its neutrality.

One country's war heroes are often another country's enemies, if not war criminals.

Yours faithfully, KLAUS MEYER (Visiting Associate Professor, London Business School), Aabakkevej 23, 2720 Vanloese, Denmark. km.cees@cbs.dk January 25.

Path for Lib Dems Verdict on the loss of legal Latin

From Mr Paul L. Maggiore

Sir, Apropos (or should I say "With reference to 7) the outlawing of legal Latin pro. bono publico (report, January 29), it is a pity, in my opinion. that the modernisation process should be limited to legal language and

The office of Lord Chancellor itself should go, to be replaced by a Ministry for Justice, with the incumbent minister democratically elected and accountable for his actions to the House of Commons.

At the same time the process of appointment of judges should cease to be made exclusively on the recommendation of other judges or lawyers, and their ranks should not be confined to lawvers.

Yours faithfully, PAUL L. MACGIORE (Solicitor), 14 West Lawn, Ashbrooke, Sunderland SR2 7HW. January 29.

From Mr Stuart Rosen

Sir, You report that there are already fears that HMSO will be unable to meet demand for the new 800-page; £250 book containing the new rules, and that this has produced anxiety and panic amongst the legal profes-

Hasn't anybody but the Lord Chancellor heard of the Internet, where the rules are published in full on his

STUART ROSEN, 23 Glebe Close, Bexhill-on-Sea. East Sussex TN39 3UY. stu-art@iname.com January 29.

From Mr Peter G. Webber

Sir, Having been employed virtually all my working life in the legal profession, I wonder whether the taxpaying publico would think it pro bono were it to be made aware of the cost so far incurred, and to be incurred, in the implementation of

"justice the modern way".

A clear (but comparatively modest)

Legal aid reforms

Sir, The Lord Chancellor (letter, January 25) says that about 40 per cent of solicitors' firms now doing civil legal aid work are not "quality-assured". He proposes to eliminate this group and thus considerably reduce the numbers working in this field. He assures us that this will provide a better service, even though there will be a much narrower choice . I do not

This will not worry the politicians

MEP's departure

From Mr John E. Strafford.

MI5's German mole

Siege, Social Affairs Unit, 1998).

.January 27.

Sir. The decision by Tory MEP Tom Spencer to withdraw from this year's European Parliament elections (report, February 1) is clearly right. However, the situation has highlighted the iniquity of the way in which the European elections will be fought.

If Tom Spencer had stood for election the Conservative vote would have been reduced and yet, as he was No 2 on the Conservatives' list, he would not have been affected. Other Conservative candidates further down the list would have had their chances diminished.

This undemocratic method of proportional representation with closed party lists, brought in by a Labour Government whose democratic credentials are suspect, must be exposed so that it is never again used in elections in the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, JOHN E. STRAFFORD (Chairman, Campaign for Conservative Democracy). Perama, Fulmer Road, Gerrards Cross \$197EG.

From Mrs Magda Aelvoet. President of the European Parliamentary Green Group

Sir, I must express the European Parliamentary Green Group's sincere disappointment at the departure of Tom Spencer, MEP. Mr Spencer has been an honourable and worthy

opponent, and on more than one occasion has worked with our group to achieve more power for the Parliament. We wish him well and hope he may be given the necessary space to re-build his life and plan his future.

Yours sincerely, MAGDA AELVOET. President, European Parliamentary Green Group, European Parliament, Rue Wiertz, B-j047 Brussels. maelvoet@europarl.eu.int February 1.

example is the £250 book setting out the new procedures.

Yours faithfully, PETER G. WEBBER. 22 Bourne Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 6TZ. January 29.

From Mr Peter Wade

Sir, Latin may be out, but all is not plain English. According to The Law Society Gazette, "third party proceedings" is to be replaced by "part 20 claim", and "payment into court" by "part 36 payment".

I am glad we have cleared that up. Come back, Julius Caesar, all is

Yours faithfully. PETER WADE (solicitor). 12 Bell Close Colchester, Essex CO2 8EP. January 29.

From Mr M. D. Hughes

Sir, In the context of the new CPRs, the Government has seen fit perhaps with justification - to legislate as to the language we lawyers use (for civil procedure rules, for instance).

Do you think it might also be persuaded to legislate against the use of acronyms, so that we can understand everyone else?

Yours sincerely. M. D. HUGHES, Middle & Hughes (solicitors). la Princes Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1EN. January 30.

From Mr Keith Hayday

Sir, I was interested to read that the court system will be using common everyday language in its proceedings from now on.

How nice it would be if computer program writers were to adopt the same convention. Yours faithfully,

K. HAYDAY, 5 Longleat Crescent, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 5ET. Јапиату 29.

ing to do with quality but with saving

money, undermining the independence of the professions, and making the central State more powerful.

Our current combination of grow-

ing legal and administrative com-

plexity and social decay means that

people are more likely to seek legal

aid and the demand for it is almost

infinite. The Government is therefore

seeking to provide a cheaper and, in

my view, inferior service Quality-

assurance, franchises and Kitemarks

are merely ways of legitimating

changes that otherwise would be

strongly opposed. Could it also be a

coded way of saying: "We want to get rid of practitioners whom we dislike

(Co-author, The Corporation Under

since I would argue that the purpose of legal aid reform (and reforms affecting other professions) has noth-

From Professor Christie Davies

Systems introduced by the State to provide quality-assurance usually provide lower standards of service than those that prevailed before, because they tend to concentrate attention on hureaucratic trivia, such as the state of the files and whether an inspector can find his way through them, often at the expense of more important aspects of the practitioner's task. Vigorous and independent-minded people will, sooner or later, quit rather than work under these con-

Reading, Berkshire RGI 5JB.

From Mr Nigel West

for other reasons?

CHRISTIE DAVIES

7 Marlborough Avenue,

Yours sincerely.

Sir, Klop Ustinov (report, January 27) was indeed a very useful Security Service agent over many years, but I doubt that he was MI5's mole inside the German Embassy in London in 1938 who gave advance warning of Nazi intentions against Czecho-

slovakia. Klop left the embassy in 1935, and in his place recruited Wolfgang zu Putlitz who supplied some extremely useful information to his case officer,

(Sir) Dick White.

Zu Putlitz, who subsequently turned out to have been spying for the Soviet Union too, gave a slightly sanitised account of his contribution in his memoirs. The zu Putlitz Dossier (Allan Wingate, 1957), which were published after he had fled to East Berlin immediately following the defection in 1951 of his old friend Guy

Yours faithfully, NIGEL WEST, 96 Eaton Terrace, SWIW 8UG. nigel@westintel.co.uk January 28.

From Mr Dillwyn Miles Sir, Your report on Klop Ustinov

recalls to mind the story told. I believe, by his son, Sir Peter Ustinov. While still working at the German Embassy, Klop Ustinov secretly applied for British nationality by print-ing his intention in Welsh in the Carmarthen Journal, which defied the expertise of the German Intelligence.

Yours faithfully, DILLWYN MILES. Hendre, 9 St Anthony's Way, Haverfordwest. Pembrokeshire SA61 IEL. January 27.

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Call to 'embrace' nuclear power

From Sir Christopher Harding and Sir Bernard Ingham

Sir. As chairman and secretary of a newly formed body of individuals, Supporters of Nuclear Energy (SONE), we are trying to encourage the Government to adopt a more realistic approach to the threat of global warming and climatic change.

The Government has set itself exceedingly demanding targets for reducing British greenhouse gas production under the Kyoto agreement. It has committed itself to cut the output of six greenhouse gases by 12.5 per cent on 1990 levels by between 2008 and 2012. It has also a domestic objective of reducing carbon dioxide production to 80 per cent of its 1990 level by 2010.

SONE agrees that substantial reductions in energy use could be achieved if energy conservation were taken seriously and that renewable sources of energy have a part to play (although our Government, like others, grossly overestimates their potential): but the Government's suc-cessive writing-off of nuclear power in recent reports and consultative documents seems to us a failure to face up

to the implications of the problem. Nuclear power is the only known, tried and tested and non-polluting means of generating the large amounts of electricity which modern,

growing economies require. We are confident that it is safe. reliable and economic as well as essential to the world's continued development, and we believe that the Government should embrace it as part of a serious, practical response to the economic/environmental challenge of our times.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HARDING, BERNARD INGHAM, Supporters of Nuclear Energy (SONE). 1 Great George Street, PO Box 25124, London SWIP 3ZS. February 1.

Decimal time

From Mr John Chambers

Sir, Eur Ing Michael Pinder (letter, January 28) suggests that we com-mence a decimal time and date system at the new millennium. In 1792 the French tried using decimal time with ten hours of 100 minutes of 100 seconds - for two or three years: and a decimal calendar - with a ten-day

week - until 1805. A decimal time system is in everyday scientific use by astronomers and time metrologists. Midnight at the start of January 1, 2000, is Modified Julian Date (MJD) 51544.000 - not very exciting. Our problems will come on August 31, 2132, when the MJD is 99999, followed the next day by

Yours faithfully. JOHN CHAMBERS (Research scientist), Centre for Time Metrology, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 0LW. January 29.

Airport angst

From Dr Lindsav Granshaw

Sir, You report (January 28) the arrest of a ten-year-old at Barbados airport because he was wearing camouflage

When we came through security at Bologna airport last August with our children aged five, seven and nine. we, too; were detained. Sticking out of the children's rucksacks were the barrels of their pump-action, supersoaker orange and blue water pistols. A high-up official was summoned.

These are too dangerous to go on as hand-luggage," he pronounced. "They must go in the hold." "But we emptied the water out,"
piped up our son. "That is the trouble." was the cryptic reply.

Yours faithfully, LINDSAY GRANSHAW 2 Park Avenue North, N8 7RT. January 29.

Wigs in court

From Lord Millett

Sir, English judges are an eccentric

When I had a full head of hair, I wore a wig (letters, January 20 and 28). Now I have no hair, I have dispensed with my wig. Yours sincerely,

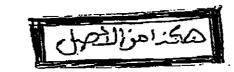
MILLETT. House of Lords. January 28.

Feline favourite

From Ms Gyll Munday

Sir, My cat responded positively to the recent television commercial designed with cats, not humans, in mind (report, January 27), staring intently at the screen and twitching her ears. Her subsequent application for a Goldfish card has me worried though.

Yours faithfully, G. D. MUNDAY, Old School House, Alfrick Pound, Worcester WR6 5EZ. January 28.



SOCIAL NEWS

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, will visit Burrall, Wisbech, at 10.00; as Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, will visit St John's Innovation Centre, at 11.55; and St John's College, at 12.40; and will visit the Oast House and St Faith's, Cambridge, at 2.50. The Prince of Wales will open the

Cavendish Suite in the Haemato-Oncology Unit at Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, Calow, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, at 10.20.

The Duke of Kent, as president, Wellington College, will visit an art exhibition followed by dinner at the college at 6.30.

Birthdays today

Mr Roger Brooke, chairman, Candover Investments, 68: Mr Ken Bruce, broadcaster, 48: Sir Gordon Bryce, former Chief Justice of the Bahamas. 86: Mr Denis Cassidy. former chairman, Liberty, 66; the Earl of Clarendon, 66; Sir Andrew Davis, conductor, SS: the Rev Dr Victor de Waal, former Dean of Canterbury, 70: Lord Eatwell, 54: Mr Abba Eban, Israeli politician, 84: Dr Tony Flower, a senior Fellow, Institute of Community Studies, 48: Sir Norman Fowler. MP, 61: Sir Ian Gibson, vice-president. Nissan Manufacturing Europe. 52: M Valery Giscard d'Esta-ing. former President of France. 73: Mr H.V. Hughes, former Princi-pal, Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, 73: Mr David Jason, actor, 59; Mr David Jones, chief executive. Next. 56; Sir Chips Keswick, former chairman, Ham-bros Bank, 59: Dame Alix Meynell, ormer civil servant. 96; Miss Elaine Stritch, actress, 72.

Meeting Royal Institute of International

Mr Alexander Downer, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, was the speaker at a meeting of the Royal Institute of International Affairs held yesterday at Chatham House. The Earl of Limerick presided.

Lecture Goldsmiths College.

University of London Professor Neil Anderson, Professor of Psychology, will deliver the inaugural lecture Employee Selec-tion: Psychological Perspectives and Organisational Practices' at Goldsmiths College tonight. Admission is free. Telephone 0171 919 7957 for further information. Goldsmiths College, University of London, New Cross, London SE14 6NW.

Reception

HM Government The Speaker and Mr Charles Clarke, Under Secretary of State were the hosts at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government esterday at Lancaster House on the occasion of the 11th World Schools Debating Championships, organised by the English-Speak-

ing Union. Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, directorgeneral, members of the Diplomatic Corns, and participants of the Championships from 31 countries were among those present.

Sir David Lane

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir David Lane will be held at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, March 6. at

Mr Quentin Crewe A memorial service for Mr Quentin Crewe will be held at St George's, Hanover Square, London W1. on Thursday. February 18.

Premium Bonds The £1 million Premium Bond

prize for February 1999 was won by bond number 30YN 427581. The winner comes from Tyne and Wear and has a holding of £20,000.

ed at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Dr Ingar Bruggeman was the speaker.

the guest speaker.

Luncheon

Dinners Lord Winston presided at a dinner of the Athenaeum held last night at the club. Rabbi Sidney Brichto was

Rotary Club of London Mr John Buchanan, President of the Rotary Club of London, presid-

Cardiff Business Club The Hon Francis Maude. Shadow Chancellor, was the guest speaker at a dinner given by the Club at the Park Hotel. Cardiff last night. Mr Brian K. Thomas presided.

Surrey Lieutenancy

The following have been appointed deputy lieutenants of Surrey: Professor Patrick Dowling, Guild-ford; Mrs Heather D. Hawker. Weybridge: Mrs Margaret McNaughton. Oxted; Mrs Kit Oliver, Leatherhead: Mr Timothy Prideaux. Abinger Common; Mr Jan van de Pol. Horne.

Leicestershire Lieutenancy

The following have been appointed deputy lieutenants of Leicester-

Mr John Philip Aldridge, Great Glen; Mr Richard Louis Brucciani, Ciei, Mr McLiard Dubis Bruccian Leicester, Miss Rosemary Jean Neil Conley, Quom: Dr Wendy Elizabeth Hickling, Leicester, Mr Jafferhusein Akbarali Kapasi, Oad by; Mr David John Knowles, Loughborough: Mr Brian Anthony Frank Smith, Leicester.

Frink Award 1999 The organisers of the Women of

the Year Lunch and Assembly announce that the Frink Award for 1999 will be presented on Tuesday. September 14, at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), Piccadilly, London WI. The award, which is given to women with disabilities who deserve recognition in the ablebodied world, will this year be in the field of music.

Legal appointments Mr Jonathan David Perkins (barrister) Mr Keith Kimpell (solicitor) and Mr David Kenneth Aller (barrister) have been appointed full-time Immigration Adjudicators in Greater London. Mr Per kins to be a Special Adjudicator from March I. Mr Kimnell from April 26 and Mr Allen from June 1.

Church news

The Rev Wilfred Alexander. Rector. Croft w Southworth (Liver-pool): to be Assistant Curate. Croft w Southworth, and Newthurch

The Rev Peter Baden, Vicar, Clifton (Carlisle): to be also Priestin-Charge, Mosser (same diocese). The Rev Caroline Baston, Rector, Winchester All Saints w Chilcomb and Chesil, and Diocesan Communications Officer (Winchester): has been appointed Diocesan Director of Ordinands (same diocese). The Rev Christopher Byworth

Team Rector, St Helens St Helen. and Area Dean of St Helens (Liverpool): to be Canon of Liver-pool Cathedral (same diocese). The Rev Mark Carey, Curate. Chapeltown St John the Baptist (Sheffield): to be Vicar, Grenoside (same diocese).

The Rev Gregory Clifton-Smith, Assistant Chaplain, Royal Berk-shire and Battle Hospital NHS Trust (Oxford): to be Senior Chaplain, St Mary's Hospital, Newport

The Rev Graham Drake, Priest-in-Charge, Cockley Cley w Gooder-stone, Great Cressingham (LEP) stone, Great Cressingham (LEP) and Little Cressingham w Threx-ton, Didlington, Hilborough w Bodney, Oxborough w Foulden, and Caldecote and Chaplain, Swaffham Hospital (Norwich): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Mund-ford w Lynford, and lekburgh and Langford w Cranwich (same dio

The Rev Robin Martin, with permission to officiate (Lichfield): to be NSM Priest-in-Charge, Maesbury (same diocese). The Rev Rodney Matthews, Vicar, Woodford Bridge St Paul (Chelms-ford): has been appointed also Diocesan Chaplain to the Mothers'

Union (same diocese). The Rev Andrew Saunders, Rector, Clutton w. Carneley (Bath & Wells): has been appointed Assist-ant Curate, Christchurch (Winches-

The Rev Jeremy Valentine, Vicar, Sand Hutton (York): has been appointed also Rural Dean of Buckrose, and Bulmer, and Malton (same diocese). The Rev John Ward, Rector, Bolton Abbey (Bradford): has been

appointed also Rural Dean of Skipton (same diocese).
The Rev John Widdows, Rector,
Guernsey St Michel du Valle
(Winchester): to be Rector, Compton and Otterbourne (same dio

The Rev Anthea Williams, Priestin-Charge, Rolvenden (Canter-bury): has been appointed also Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands (same diocese). Retirements and resignation

The Rev Neil Davies, Priest in-Charge, Reading St Luke and St Bartholomew (Oxford) to resign February 28, 1999. The Rev Francis Graham-Brown Tearn Vicar, Marfleet with special responsibility for St Giles (York): to retire April 30, 1999. The Rev David Hancock, Priest-in-

ton and Stowting and Lymphe w. West Hythe (Canterbury) to resign February 17, 1999. The Rev Douglas Hare, NSM Curate, Margate Holy Trinity (Canterbury) to retire January 31.

Other appointments Jon Reynolds, County adviser for Religious Education and Personal, Social and Health Education for Buckinghamshire County Council: to be Diocesan Director of Educa-



Sophie Rhys-Jones, Prince Edward's fiancée, with a JCB toy at the Toy Fair, Olympia, West London, yesterday. JCB, famous for its construction equipment, has branched out into JCB-branded products, including men's casual wear, children's wear and toys. Miss Rhys-Jones's firm handles its public relations

Latest wills

Benny Green, jazz musician, of Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £336,537 net. Sir Michael Straker, farmer, Chairman, Aycliffe and Peterlee

Development Corporations, chair-man. Northumbrian Water Authority, High Sheriff of Northum-berland 1977, of Hexham, Northumberland, left estate valued at £11.650.403 net.

Lady Nicholson, of Bodmin, Corn-wall, left estate valued at £140,065 Hogg, deputy chairman William

and Glyn's Bank, 1970-83), of Shedfield, Southampton, left estate valued at £303,564 net. Jan Josef Karel Stekly, of Cambridge. left estate valued at £11,489,935 net. Richard Musgrave Francis, of

Stow-cum-Quy, Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £6,535,107 net. He left £200 to both the Parochial Church Councils of Quy and Little Wilbraham Celia Amos, of Old. Northamptonshire, left estate valued at E3,720,588 net. Mark William Hicks Beach, of Great Witcombe, Gloucester, left estate valued at £3,278,048 net. Robert Henry Lewin, of Northolt,

sex, left estate valued at F3.507.359 net. John Lloyd Dawson, of Hudders-field, left estate valued at £2, 115,352

Agnes Charlotte Beech, of Hen-leaze. Bristol, left estate valued at £1,703,272 net. ningdale, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,125,713 net.

Isobel Gilmour Butters, of Chalfont St Peters, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,074,969 net. Dorothy Eleanor Carroll, of Turville Heath Ruckinghamshire left estate valued at £1.999,144 net. She left £5,000 to Invalids at Home and to the Injured Jockeys Fund. Ruth Carter, of Tiverion, Devon, left estate valued at £1,448,810 net. Edward Maxwell Chamberlain,

company director, of Poole, Dor-

set, left estate valued at £1.181.272 Paul Arthur Groser Diney, of

Marion Jean Harro ev of Sout port, Merseyside, left estate valued at £1,108,008 net. She left £50,000 to the Merseyside Association for Kidney Research and £5,000 to the

Southport Kidney Treatment Fund. Milan Krusic, of London W14, left

Great Durimow, Essex, left estate valued at £1,165,105 net. Marion Gaskell of Wigan, Lanca-shire, left estate valued at

£1,686,885 net. She left £5,000 to the Scout Activity Centre, Lochgoil-head, Strathclyde, and shares in her residuary estate to the British Heart Foundation, the Spastics Society, the Stanley Gaskell Foundation and the Marion Gaskell

Sara Selwood, £90,000 from the

estate valued at El.024.275 net.
John Charles Douglas Pennant, of
Bangor. Gwynedd, left estate valued at El.240.118 net. Truman Henry Wiltshire, of New-ton Abbot, Devon, left estate valued at ELOH,777 net.

marriages

The University of Westminster has made the following honorary

Doctor of Letters (honoris causa):
Lord Sheppard of Didgemere,
chairman of London First, the
group representing the capital's
business interests and former
chairman of Grand Metropolitan. Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA and former chairman and

chief executive of Jaguar.

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Sir Leonard Peach, Commissioner for Public Appointments and chair-man of the University of Westminster Court of Governors. Doctors of Science (honoris causa)

Dr David Potter, chairman and chief executive of palmtop computer company Psion. Professor Ian Stewart, director of the Mathematics Awareness Cen-tre, University of Warwick and

writer on mathematics. Doctor of Laws (honoris causa): Phillip Sycamore, solicitor and former Law Society President.

Honorary Fellows: Dr Manreen Guirdham, writer on business and management and former head of University of Westminster management centre. Brian Godbold, director of design at Marks and Spencer.

William Shaw, businessman and governor of the University of Westminster.

Research grants received by the Dennis Carroll, £119,976 from Teaching Company Directorate and £56,800 from Addison Lee — Teaching company programme no

Dr Linda Clarke, £96,979 from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council — Link pro-gramme: Standardisation and skills. A transnational study on skills education and training for prefabrication in housing; £85,820 from the Department of the Envi-ronment, Transport and the Re-

Dr John Cohen and Dr Chloe Stallibrass, £43,950 from The Foundation for Integrated Medicine --Controlled trial to evaluate the effects of a course of lessons in the Alexander Technique, £25,000 from the Parkinson's Diseases Society --- Controlled trial /Alexan der technique / management of disability / Parkinson's disease. Bill Erikson, £189,246 from the Department for International De-

velopment (DFID) - Knowledge and research technical transfer Professor Christine Evans, £61,685 from Nato — Degradation of chlorophenols by ligninolytic fungi. Professor Peter Jones, £24,075 from London Transport Planning - Jubilee Line impact study. Professor Peter Jones and Lucy Hamer, £35,000 from the Health

Education Authority - Transport and health needs assessment research. Dr Izzet Kale, Dr Dik Morling, Dr Arthur Krukowski, Alan Wood and Professor Gerald Cain, £49,000 from Mitsubishi Electric

Vassilis Konstantinou, £129,464 from Teaching Company Scheme and £52,000 from DCE Communications - Teaching company programme no 2523.

Monument Trust - Culture as Commodity 2,000. Professor Michael Trevan. £100,735 from Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food - Devel-opment of enzymatic time tempera-

ture indicators for stored food.

Forthcoming

Mr E.I. Blomfield and Miss C.V.C. Hart

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ivor Blorafield, of Ditchling, Sussex, and Christa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Fraser Hart, of Hatherop, Gloucestershire.

Mr S.J.B. Clarke

and Miss H.E. Kingston The engagement is announced between Simon, second son of Mr and Mrs Neil Clarke of Farnborough. Kent. and Helen, younger daughter of Dr Philip Kingston, of Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Janet Kingston, of

Kew, Surrey. Mr K.O.E. Clifton and Miss M.E.C. Dudley-Williams

The engagement is announced between Kieran, only son of Mr Peter Clifton, of Sydney, Australia. and Mrs Elaine Clifton, of South Kensington, London, and Marina, eldest daughter of Sir Alastair Dudley-Williams. Bt. and Lady Dudley-Williams. of Farnham. Surrey.

Mr H.S. Freestone and Miss R.J. Jordan

The engagement is announced between Hugh, youngest son of Dr and Mrs David Freestone, of Chipping Campden, Gloucester-shire, and Rebecca, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Jordan, of Mere, Cheshire,

Mr M.J. Raphael and Ms K.G. Gallacher

and Ms K.G. Gallacher
The engagement is announced between Marcus John, son of Mr John Basil Raphael and stepson of Mrs Linda Raphael of Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, and Kathleen Gail, daughter of Mrs Kathleen May Farrall and stepdaughter of Mr Reginald Servall of Newcastle under Lyme Farrall, of Newcastle under Lyme.

Marriage

Mr D.R. Stoddart and Mrs W.A. Tellwright The marriage took place in Lon-don, on Thursday, January 28, between Mr David Stoddart and Jane, widow of Mr Bill Tellwright.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Nell Gwyn, actress and mistress of King Charles II. Here-ford, 1650; Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, statesman, Périgord, France, 1754: Henry Havelock Ellis, physician and writer, Croydon, London, 1859; Fritz Kreisler, violinist, Vienna, 1975: Inches Inches Constitution of the Publication of the Publi 1875; James Joyce, novelist, Dub-lin, 1882; Jascha Heifetz, violinist,

DEATHS: Giovanni Palestrina, composer. Rome, 1594; Francis Hayman, painter, London, 1776; John L. Sullivan, bare knuckle fighter, Abington, Massachusetts, 1918; Sir Owen Seaman, Editor of Punch 1906-32, London, 1936; Bertrand Russell, 3rd Earl Russell, mathematician and philosopher. Plas Penrhyn, Merionethshire. 1970; George Whipple, pathologist, Nobel laureate 1934. New York. 1976.

Ireland was represented in the British Parliament for the first time, 1801. Greece declared war on Turkey. 1878.

The state funeral of Queen Victoria, 1901. Major-General Idi Amin declared himself the absolute ruler of

Uganda, 1971. The British Embassy in Dublin was besieged and burnt down,

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BIRTHS

BARRELI - On January 18th 1999, to Amanda (née Fearnley) and Julian, a son, Predarick Thomas Montagu, a brother for Montagu, a brother fo William and George.

BUDGE - To Lealey (née Hughes) and Richard, on 27th January at bome, a daughter, Florence Amelia, a sister for Alice and Eleanor.

BULWER LONG : On 27th January, to Rhons (née Brindley) and Benjamin, a daughter, Letitia. DOUGLAS - On January 25th at The Portland Hospital to Annette (née Henry) and Michael, a daughter, Amy

FARLEY - On January 29th, to Carole (nee Bryan) and Graham, a son, James Henry Matthew, a brother for George.

HARDMAN - (In January 31st to Victoria tu6e Coode) and Hugo, a son. HEL - On 28th January, to Jane (née Quinn) and Charles, a daughter, Jenny Elizabeth Grace.

KARAVE. - On Junuary 28th at The Portland Hospital to Monique and Freddy, s daughter, Melis, s sister for Enis.

KERSHAW - Suzanne (née Jones) and Alex are proud to announce the birth of a son, Charles Henry Armon, in Geneva on 10th January. A brother for our lovely Jack. LYWOOD - On January 27th st The John Radeliffe, Oxford, to Henristta and Jamle, a daughter, Stanna Grace, a sister for Zoë.

MANGION - On Saturday 30th January 1999, to Jonathan, a son, William

MASSEY - On January 29th at The Portland Hospital to Fidrelia and Stephon, a

ROBERTS - On 16th January 1999 at Musgrove Park Hospital, Somerset, to Laura (née Reempää) and Phillip, a son, Charles Walter Reempää, a brother for Fraest

WALTERS - On Thursday Jenuary 28th, to Clare (née Finch) and Vincent, a daughter, Charlotte Mary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

IEWN- Lady Lewin and family thank everyone for their kind letters and messages. We are unable to answer them all individually but each one has been vary much appreciated.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - Née Barnett, peacefully at Bridport Community Hospital, Dorset, Iately of Steepleton Manor, Christine Agnes aged 90 years. Devoted wife of the late Dr. A.F. O'D Alexander. She will be asally missed by her much loved and loving family and friends. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium, Dorset on Friday 12th February at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but donations can be made if destred for The British Heart Foundation o'o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1TW, tel: 01305 282338.

8ELL - On January 30th 1999, Lt. Col. George Jolley Bell MBE 7D, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire. All further enquiries to J. Jennings & Son, Chelford Road, Warford, Alderley Edge, Cheshire SR9 7TL, tol: (01625-584199.

DEATHS

SENSON - Ricu Thomas, died peacefully on January 30th at Yeovil Hospital after a short illness aged 85 years. Beloved husband to the late Elizabeth, father of Mark and James, 55 years. Beloved husband to the late Elizabeth, father of Mark and James, father-in-law to Joy and Kirsten; adored grandfather of Edward, Juliet, Marcus and Giles. Dear great-grandfather to Jeck, Finn, Molly, Esme, Max, Isobel and Louise. Funeral at Pitcombe Church, Somerset on Tuesday 9th February at 245 om. Family flowers

8ROOKS - Phyllis May
('Jane'), pescefully on 1st
February at Orford House,
Coulaidou in her 99th year.
Sister of the late Ronald C.
Brooks and much loved
Aunt, Great Aunt and
Great Great Aunt Funeral
at Putney Vale
Crematorium on Thursday
11th February at 2,30 nm.

BURR - Victoria Sophie, ages 26, died on 31st January after a long and brave fight against depression.

CAVA - (Marte-Louise), much loved wife of Andrew (Henry) and adored by daughters Christine and Susan and loved by grandchildren Justin, Serah and Francesca, passed into stornal rest, poscefully at home on 31st January 1998. Resting at January 1998. Requiem Mess at 10 am on Tuesday 8th February. Requiem Mess at 10 am on Tuesday 9th February, followed by interment at Western Cametery, Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home.

CLETORD - Harold aged 77, on 27th January, beloved husband of Sylvia. Forme Housemaster at St Lawrence College, Ramagate; Thankagiving Service in the Chapel at 2.30pm, Friday 5th Pebruary, Donations, if desired, to The Pilgrims Hospice, c/o Blackhurns F.S. Broedstairs, 01843 862887.

COOPER - Suddenly but peacefully on 29th Janua at home in Sheffield, Major John Thomas Herbert Cooper, M.B.E. aged 78 years. Dearly loved and loving husband of Juliana, adored father of George, Markaret.

of George, Margaret, Elizabeth and Pamela, and a much loved father-in-law and grandfather. Service at St George's Chapel, Sheffleld Cathedral on Friday 5th Eshanare at 2 30 are Cathedral on Friday 5th February at 2.30 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations made payable to "The York and Lancaster Regimental Association" may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors. Churca, Somerset on Tuesday 9th February at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only; donations if desired to Sexeys Hospital Chapei Fund, Sruton, Somerset.

l 1th February at 2.30 pm Family flowers only.

DIACONO - Michael
Christopher St George
suddenly on 28th January
aged 47. Fruncral at 5pm on
Friday 5th February at the
Church of St John the
Baptist, Northend,
Batheauton, Bath. No
flowers please. Enquiries
to E. Hooper & Sons. 13 St
Jemes Parade, Bath BA1
1UL. Tel: 01225 422040.

DUFFIELD - On January 30th 1999 peacefully at home in Farucombe, Survey, Thomas Henry Duffield B.E.M. aged 89 years, formerly of Kingabury. Srent. Beloved husband of the late lvy and brother of Amy. Funeral Service at Guildiord Crematorium on Friday February 5th at 4pm. Ecoquiries to J. Gozzinge & Son Funeral Directors (01463) 416403.

CUSTANCE - Michael CUSTANCE - Michael
Magnus Vere CB, at
Michurst in the afternoon
of January 30th peacefully
after long illness. Much
loved and admired
hmsband, father,
stepfather, grandfather,
and step grandfather.
Enquiries to Lintott &
Sons (01730) 813264.

BLIOTT - Barbara, in hospital on January 30th. Funeral Service at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium. Sheffield on Monday February 8th at 3.00pm. No flowers by request, donations in fleu for the PDSA may be sent to Wood Funeral Service. 848 Ecclesail Roed. Sheffield S11 8TP. Telephone 0114 286 1244.

FARRALL - Robert FIEE, FI
Mech E. Late of the
Central Electricity
Generating Board at the
London HQ and Director
General in Barnwood,
Cloucestershire; and Past
Pretident of the Surrey
Bowling Association. Died
peacefully on January 30th
in Thames Ditton. For all
who knew him, a funeral beloved grandí: Elizabeth and

in Thames Ditton. For all who knew him, a funeral service at All Saints' Church, Chestmut Avenue, Weston Green, Eaber, Surrey on Friday 5th February at 4pm; and afterwards a reception for all at the Carlton Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court Surrey, Flowers and enquiries to Frederick W Paine Ltd. 102 High Street, Eaber, Surrey R T10 90J -tel 01372 464 021. Private cremation for family only on February 6th.

FINEAYSON - Graham Scott, aged \$6, photographer died January 28th in France. Cremation at Albitoday February 2nd, a memorial service to be held in England will be announced later.

GARTON - Sheelagh, on 30th January 1999, peacefully, aged 81. Much loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral on Friday 5th February at 11.30am at 5t George's RC Church, Taunton. Ne flowers, but donations, if desired, to St Margaret's Hospice, c/o E White & Sons, 128 East Reach, Taunton, TA1 3HN.

GOODSON - Frank Albert.
Peacefully at home on 28th
January aged 70. A leving
son and father, proud
granded and friend to so
many. A generous spirit
who en joyed life and was
leved dearly. Funeral
Wedneeday 10th February
at 11.30 am at \$2 Mary's,
Wendover and afterwards at 11.30 am at 51 Marys, Wendover and afterwards at Wendover Memorial Hall. Family flowers only. Dogations, if desired, to The Brian Johnston Memorial Trust (0171 224 1005) or Wendover Health Centre (01296 623452). GRAY-Major Thomas
Edward (Eddie), late of
Goring by Sea, Sussex
who sarved with R.E.M.E.,
R.A.O.C. and the Gold
Coast Regiment, on
January 30th 1999 in
Brentwood, Essex in his
89th year. Humbend of the
late Irens Evalyn, dear
father of Dr Alan Gray
and his wife Kathryn and and his wife Kathryn and beloved grandfather of

Christopher. Enquiries to BF Muliey & Son of Upminster, 01708 220330. HEATON - Shells Helen of Nateby, Garstang, formerly of Hawkshead, formerly of Hawkshead, died peacefully on January 29th after a short illness aged 77 years. Beloved wife of the late William Heaton, a much loved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Frivate family funeral. All enquiries to L. Stewart and Son 01995-602316.

HEFIAS - Michael Lealie, unexpectedly on 28th January. Greatly loved husband of Rosemary, father of Jane, Richard, John and Caroline and adored grandfather. Private Ismily burial. Service of Thankagiving 2.30pm Saturday 6th Pebruary at St Mary's Church, Great Milton, Oxfordshire. Donations I desired to Great Milton. Claurch or St Lawrence Church, Warborough.

HOOD - Roger Denys, aged 53, of Wimbledon Park, 5W18. On 29th January 1999 at St Raphael's Hospice. Sutton, Surrey. after a long vallant fight against cancer. Much loved brother of John and

against cances, succasioned to the horse for them and Margaret. Roger's concern for others and his wry sense of humour will be sadly missed by his family and friends, particularly Roy who nursed him through his illness; also by everyone at St Raphael's who found him inspirational in his adversity. Funeral service at 3.30pm, Monday 8th February, Putney Vale Crematorium, London SW15. Donations (in place of flowers at Roger's request please) to St Raphael's Hospice, Sutton, SM3 9DX.

HUSSEM - Mohamed Iqbal (F.C.A.) died suddenly on 28th January, 1999 aged 56. Much loved husband, father, son and brother. Interment at 1.30pm on Wednesday 3rd February 1999 at North Watford Cametery, Enguiries 0181 Cometery, Enquiries 0181 909 3737.

ISAACS - Basil, of Iohannesburg and London, passed away on January 29th. Beloved husband of Bells and dear father of Susan, Janet and Andres.

JAMES - John (Jimmy) on
Jamuary 29th aged 65.
Suddenly on his beloved
golf course, the way he
would have chosen. Dearly
loved and admired father
of Lucy and Lies and
much loved partner of Jo;
he lit up our lives. Funeral
at New Southgate
Crematorium, London N11
on Tuesday February 9th
at 2 pm.

JONES - Robert Kenneth on January 28th 1999 in Chester. Dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Private family funeral. No flowers. Donations to The British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W I.

KIMBER - (Dick) Richard
Morris peacafully at home
on lanuary 30th 1999 in his
91st year. Thankagiving
Service St John the
Baptist, Littla Marlow,
Monday February 8th
12.30 pm.

LANDALE - Brigsdier Charles Anthony (Tony) R.E. Died suddenly at home on January 29th aged 74. Very dear Husband of Tessa, dear Husband of Tesse, much loved father, steplather, grandlather and friend to so meny. Private family cremation, thanksgiving service at Coombe Blasett Parish Church on Saturday February 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations if desired for the RSPB and sent to R T Adlem, funeral director, Sixpany Handley.

LEIGH - Marion. On 28th
Ianuary, peacefully at the
Chelses and Westminster
Hospitul, aged 86, widow
of Walter, sister of John,
mother of Julian, Veronica
and Andrew and
grandmother of Jacob,
Rebecca, Adam, Ben and
Alexandra. Funeral
Service to be held at
Kinestone Crematorium.

Kingstone Crematorium, Bonner Hill Road, on 3rd pointer hill koad, on and February at 1.40pm. Densitions to the Alzheimers Society or flowers and enquiries to A France & Son, fel 0171 405

OWEN - Suddenly at home on January 28th 1999, Prof Alan Ernest, beloved husband of Barbara, much loved father of Rod, Gary, Stephen and Rillary and dear grandfather of Helen, Stuart, Neil, Kirsten, Olivia, Grace, Any, Daniel and Matthew. Service at Mortonkall Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh on Thursday February 4th at 2 pm to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please.

PETERS - After a long decline. Cocil Peters (née Tindall, forcars') Glavville died painlessly 27th January 1999 leaving Rodle, Ranulph, Niall, Severi and Aurtje. Arrangements: Peter Taylor 01603 760787.

PORTEOUS - Vivian Prancis
Lt. Col. R.A. (retired), died
peacefully on 31st January
aged 91. Dearty beloved
husband of Diana, much
loved father of Susan,
Jane, Robin, Peter and
Mary and loving
grandfather and greetgrandfather. Requiem
Mass at Our Lady's RC
Church, Marnhull, Dorset
on Saturday Fehruary 8th
at 12 noon. Family flowers
only please. Donations if
desired to Cafod c/o
Bracher Bros., Gillingham,
Dorset SPS 4QL.

PYEMECRIT - Ruth on January 31st, aged 90, much loved wife of Wilfrid and very special mother of David, Peter, April, Claire, Angela, Camilla and Christopher. A wonderful grandmother and great-grandmother, she will be hugely missed by us all.

BOAKE - Wilfred Nigel died peacefully January 31st 1999, aged 94, at the Downs House, Petermield, Devoted husband of the late Win and much loved father of Peerl and Alan. Desirest grandfather of Philipps, Amenda, Robin, Sarah and Richard and great grandfather of Hew greet grandfather of Hew and Natasha. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalene, Sheet, Peterafield on February 8th 1999 at 2.15pm.

8th 1999 at 2.15pm.
Flowers or donations, if
desired, to Imperial
Cancer Research Fund c/o
Funeral Services
(Petersfield) Ltd, 01730
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SALROERS - Joseph William (John) peacefully on 30th January at Teme House Cheltenham, aged 90 years. Formerly of Kirkham Grammar School, The Intelligence Corps and The Royal Wolverhampton School. Much loved husband of Winlired and father of Andrew. Jo and Richard. Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium on Thursday 4th February at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to Save the Children, c/o Mason and Stokes, 54 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham.

WESTON - Kathleen Minnie Elizabeth, widow of Kenneth Southwold Weston and much loved mother of Mark. Died at home in Wimbledon on Jamuary 28th 1999. Funers for family and closest friends at Bromham Paris Church, Wiltshire, on Friday February 5th. Family flowers only but any donations to The Cancer Research Campaign. The Cancer Campaign, The Cancer Relief McMillan Fund or Relief McMillan Fund or National Octeoporesis Society, c/o Ashtona Funeral Services, 140 Alexandre Road, SW19 7JY.0181-946 1051. A Memorial Service will be held at St Marys Church, Wimbledon at a later date WILLIAMS - On January 31st st Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, after a valiant struggle, Stephen, beloved husband of fill, devoted father of Simon, of St Hilary Funeral Saturday February 6th, requiem mass 11.30 am at 5t Cadoc's RC Church, Cowhilder followed by Cadoc's RC Church,
Cowbridge, followed by
burial at St Hilary
Churchyard. Family
flowers only may be sent
to the private funeral
home W James & Sons
Fonmon. Donations in lieu
if desired to ICU Princess
of Wales Hospital,
Bridgend.

Milliams - Barry
Macintosh, much loved
Husband of Sheile and
Father of Geraid, Paul and
Martin died peacefully at
bothe on 31st January 1999
aged 88. Family cremation.
Memorial service at All
Saints Brenchley on
Friday, 5th February 1999
at 11.15 am. Family
flowers only.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

METHVEN - Donald. A
Service of Thanksgiving
will be held to celebrate
the life of Donald James
Methven at St Mary-leBow. Cheapside, London
EC2, on Wednesday, 24th
February at 11.30am.
Everybody will be
welcome to join the family
afterwards at Grocers'
Hall, Princes Street.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

HURST - Barbara 2nd February 1998. Most lovingly remembered and greatly missed especially today. Always in our hearts. Derek and Peter.

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Marion Boyars, publisher, died yesterday aged 71. She was born on October 26, 1927.

arion Boyars was one of the last of a generation of . independent British publishers with an international outlook. Her house boasted five Nobel prizewinners and included works translated from more than 20 anguages

Marion Asmus was born in Germany, where her father was an avant garde art-book publisher. She was educated in Switzerland and, while in her teens, emigrated to New York. Later, in the 1950s, she took a degree in PPE at Keele University: "I was one of its first students. They called us the gumboot generation."

Her first marriage was to George Lobbenberg, a prosperous American foundation garment manufacturer, with whom she had two daughters. In 1960 Boyars answered a

box advertisement in The Bookseller which had been placed by the maverick independent publisher John Calder, who was seeking new equity for his company. Cal-der's list included Samuel Beckett. Marguerite Duras and Eugene Ionesco.

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Marriage

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Boyars met Calder, along with her financial adviser, and they established a partnerwhich started at the Frankfurt Book Fair in 1960, became known as Calder and Boyars in 1964 and which lasted until 1980. "I liked John," she said. "I could see there was integrity. It shone through. I bought 50 per cent of the firm. I didn't know very much about publishing, and it would have been extremely presumptuous of me to go in and say I am a publisher now.' I really felt I had to learn

the business, which I did." Calder and Boyars prospered in Soho during the 1960s. They published a good spread of authors, notably introducing to a British reader-



Marion Boyars in the 1960s, when she bought into John Calder's publishing firm

ship the French nouveau roman writers Claude Simon, Alain Robbe-Grillet, Michel Butor and Nathalie Sarraute, together with Elias Canetti, Heinrich Böll and other equal-

ly distinguished European names. In the field of music they published the composers Stravinsky, John Cage and Charles Ives. The list had a radical political edge to it as well, publishing Ivan Illic and other left-leaning social

In 1966 Calder and Boyars

achieved worldwide attention when they were taken to court for publishing an obscene libel with the novel Last Exit to Brooklyn by Hubert Selby Jr. Robert Maxwell appeared as a witness for the prosecution in the original trial. John Mortimer then acted as QC for the defence in a successful appeal

Over the years the two partners became increasingly disenchanted with one another. They began to dissolve the company in 1975, but such

were their disagreements that it took five years for this process to be completed. Relations deteriorated so far that another publisher, Peter du Sautoy from Faber's, was brought in to divide the list between them.

For a few years more Boyars and Calder kept their respec-tive publishing houses in the same premises at 18 Brewer Street, W1, with Boyars on the top floor and Calder in the offices below. Then finally in 1984 Boyars and her staff

cation for Indian citizenship.

During Koenigsberger's four years in Delhi he planned six new towns in 1951 Koenigsberger came to Britain as adviser to the chief architect and planner for Basildon New Town before moving to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as a housing researcher. Although he had trained a

number of architects and planners who had passed through his office during his period in India, he had not been formally engaged in education. A conference at University College London in 1953 resulted in the establishment of the department of tropical architecture at the Architectural Association in London, which Koenigsberger was invited to head. Later it became the

department of development

and tropical studies, and in

1971 it transferred to University College London, as the Development Planning Unit. which specialises in Third World urban development. During the 1960s and 1970s Koenigsberger did a great deal of consultancy work for the United Nations. He also published his Manual of Tropical Housing: Climatic Design (1974). He retired from the unit in 1976, but continued

Habitat International from 1976 until the early 1990s. Koenigsberger received many honours and awards. Most poignantly, some 40 years after having been obliged to leave the country of his birth, he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Stuttgart In 1987, the international year of shelter for the homeless, he was one of the first two recipients of the UN's Habitat

Scroll of Honour. Otto Koenigsberger leaves his widow, Renate.

PROFESSOR CHARLES SHUTE

Charles Shute, former Professor of Histology at Cambridge, died in Atlanta. Georgia, on January 2 aged 81. He was born in London on May 23, 1917.

With her second husband. Arthur Boyars, whom she SOME academics restrict married in the early 1960s, she themselves to a single field became something of a fixture throughout their lives. Charles on the London and internation-Shute was not one of them. In al publishing scene, whether his principal career he contributed significantly to comparaat a packed reading at the Riverside Studios by the Rustive anatomy and neurosian poet Yevgeny Yevtushscience, but his interests enko (another of her authors) ranged from mathematics to or at the Frankfurt Book Fair. Japanese art and Egyptology. As a child, Charles Cam-In the past two years, the couple also attended translateron Donald Shute had little contact with either of his ing conferences in Oslo and Athens, where Marion Boyars parents. His mother departed

was substituted at the last for America when he was two, taking his elder sister with her moment for another British but leaving him behind. His publisher, and spoke brillian!ly about her firm. father, like his grandfather, in all. Marion Boyars pubwho fought at Balaclava and lished about 500 titles under later became MP for Brighton, was a military man, and her own imprint. Ken Kesey's bestselling novel One Flew rather remote. So Charles's Over the Čuckoo's Nest helped care was entrusted to his to subsidise slower-selling godmother, Kathleen Crosse. titles. Other Boyars authors It was in the grounds of her include Julien Green, Eudora large Surrey house that he discovered the joys of garden-Welty, Georges Bataille, Inging, but his happiest times mar Bergman and Julio Cortawere spent with her niece, Clara Aspinall. This young zar. Modern composers on the list included Erik Satie. Leon Janacek, Luciano Berio and woman looked upon him as Karlheinz Stockhausen. the son she had never had, The New Yorker film writer and her two daughters. Pat and Ruth, regarded him as

Pauline Kael provided some critical and commercial suctheir brother. cesses, and Michael Ondaatje. He was a King's Scholar at on winning the Booker Prize Eton, where he rowed twice in for The English Patient the Fourth of June Procession. published by another house -He then went up to King's College. Cambridge, as a mathematical exhibitioner publicly acknowledged Boyars's role in launching his and later a scholar.

A small, intense woman Boyars was passionate about literature and the writers she published, claiming never to publish a book she did not like. She was loyal not only to her writers - many of whom became friends - but to a much wider circle. She was amusing company.

decamped to new premises in

Putney — a small terrace house near the Thames. Earli-

er she had opened a small

New York office on East 39th

Street.

Marion Boyars is survived for pre-clinical training before by her husband Arthur and moving to the Middlesex Hosby two daughters, one of pital, qualifying as a doctor in whom now runs the publish-After resident surgical posts at the Middlesex, he spent two years in the Royal Army Medical Corps, where he trained as a clinical otologist. ing house.

demic career by joining the teaching staff of the anatomy department at the London Hospital Medical College in

There he collaborated fruitfully with Professor Angus Bellairs in the field of comparative anatomy, with special reference to the ear and the closely associated jaw joint. They enjoyed the personal encouragement of their head of department, the late Professor Dixon Boyd, so that in the following year when Boyd moved to the better-funded laboratories in Cambridge, he took both with him. Shute's career progressed well in Cambridge, and he was elected a fellow of Christ's in 1957.



thesis for the MD degree in

By 1960, the direction of his research had changed. He retained his interest in comparative anatomy, but began to apply it to the brain. He started a new collaborative programme with Peter Lewis. who had been appointed by Boyd to promote histochemical studies in the anatomy department. They had complementary skills and produced a series of pioneering papers on the undescribed cholinergic pathways in the rat, which served as a model for other mammalian brains, including the human. Within these papers, the most significant discovery was what they termed the "cholinergic ascending reticular pathway", malfunction of which has in recent years been implicated as the likely basis for Alzheimer's disease.

After serving for a time as acting head of anatomy, Shute specialist knowledge of the ear. Shute launched his acawas appointed reader in neuroanatomy in 1969. He never took up the post, however, for he was appointed from the same date to the chair of histology in the department of physiology. Despite heavy administrative burdens and attempts at teaching reorganisation, he maintained his research output, but his interest transferred to the psychophysics of vision, which he saw as an extension of his work on the brain's choliner-

gic pathways. Shute had an incisive mind and an unconventional approach to life. Possessed of considerable charm, an unfailing sense of humour and an often dry wit, he was nevertheless not one to conceal his own views. As an administrator he showed a strong desire to restructure from the bottom. This is never an easy matter at Cambridge, and not all his attempts at curricular and

departmental reform were universally welcomed. In 1984 he retired from the chair of histology but his marriage to Gay Robins. a research fellow in Egyptology at Christ's College, together with his innate quest for knowledge and his early training in the humanities. led to a new phase of his career, as an Etyptologist. He quickly mas-tered the basics of the subject and thereafter collaborated with his wife on a number of

scholarly projects. After retirement Shute continued to play an active role at Christ's College, but the last ten years of his life were spent in Atlanta, Georgia, where his wife had taken up an appointment in art history at Emory University. He continued to publish in Egyptological jour-nals, as well as finding time for poetry (which he produced. and occasionally published. throughout his life; and gardening. He also led tours. particularly for children, around the galleries of ancient art at Emory.
Charles Shute was three

times married. His first wife was Patricia Cameron mée Doran), whom he married in 1947 and who died in 1952. Then in 1954 he married Lydia May (née Harwood), but they divorced in 1980. In that year he married Gay Robins, who survives him, along with the son and three daughters of his

OTTO KOENIGSBERGER

Otto Koenigsberger, planning consultant, died on January 3 aged 90. He was born on October 13, 1908.

FACED with the daunting problems of housing, squalor and population growth in the sprawling cities of India in the postwar years. Otto Koenigsberger realised that the rigidities of Western planners were inappropriate.

At Independence India inherited the planning attitudes of the British Town and Country Planning Act, with its master plans prescribing the shape and size of cities for

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workable in such very different circumstances.

So Koenigsberger devised a more dynamic approach for the Third World, which aims to safeguard certain environmental ideals while allowing for the needs of, say, refugees or rapidly doubling populations. It was based on private and public sector co-operation, negotiation and partnership.

Koenigsberger's work with Charles Abrams, the Professor of Planning at Columbia University, resulted in important recommendations for such diverse places as Pakistan, Nigeria and Singapore, and decades ahead; but these prac- eventually it was codified as doctorate on the construction erroment in 1948, and subsetices and controls were un- Action Planning, a mecha- of the Ancient Egyptian door. quently he supported his appli-

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nism responsive to the urgent and acute problems of countries undergoing economic and social change

The son of an architect, Otto Koenigsberger was born in Berlin, where he was educated at the Technical University.After gaining his diploma he worked as an assistant in the Prussian Government Service, winning the Schinkel Prize in 1933. But in the same year he was dismissed from government service by Hitler's regime, and took up an appointment as an archaeologist under Ludwin Borchardt in Egypt. There, he completed a

in 1939 he elected to take up the offer of the post of chief architect and planner to the then Maharaja of Mysore. At the outbreak of war he was briefly interned by the British authorities, but he was soon released to pursue his design and planning duties. The next nine years proved to be productive and satisfying, culminating in the planning of Bhubaneshwar, the new state capital of Orissa.

The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, was largely responsible for appointing Koenigsberger director of housing for the federal Gov-

ROSALIND RAMIREZ

Rosalind Ramirez, teacher and governess, died on January 28 aged 87. She was born on January 14, 1912.

He read English for two

years and moral sciences in

his third year, taking a first.

He left Cambridge in 1939 and, when war broke out, he

joined the Friends' Ambulance

Service as a conscientious

objector. This ignited his inter-

est in the medical sciences,

and he returned to Cambridge

Armed with a diploma in

laryngology and otology and a

BRINGING UP young children requires the same patient and devoted care everywhere in the world, and it was the quality of exemplary love of the young that made Rosalind Ramirez a fine governess and teacher in two Royal Families, first in Iraq and then in Britain.

In the depths of the Second World War, Ramirez, who was already well travelled, was invited to become governess to King Faisal II of Iraq. then seven years old, to prepare him for entrance to English schooling. After an arduous journey, she reached Baghdad early in 1943. There she spent some of the happiest years of her life.

Faisal was a cousin of King Hussein of Jordan, whose father Tallal had met Ramirez years earlier in Palestine. Ramirez kept in regular con-tact with Faisal throughout his short life, which ended tragically with the assassination of the Royal Family and several political leaders in the 1958

coup. Returning to London after the war, Ramirez accepted a job as a schools inspector, but she did not join the inspectorare until 1950, because Queen Mary intervened. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and their two young sons were just returning from Australia, where the Duke had been Governor-General. The then Oueen Mother asked Ramirez to become governess to her grandsons, the Princes William and Richard; so she set up a small school for them and some other young children near the Gloucesters' home outside Peterborough. (Years later. Prince William was killed in a plane crash.)

Born in Acton, West London, Rosalind Ramirez had spent her childhood years in South America, where her mother had remarried a Chilean named Ramirez. From

1924 to 1929 she went to secondary school in Ramsgate, where she came to know Kenneth and Margaret Warner, and in 1928 she became their adonted daughter. Kenneth Warner was curate of Ramsgate, and years later became Bishop of Edinburgh. From Ramsgate, Rosalind went to Cheltenham Ladies' College to finish her education and began a long association with the town.

After leaving school, she joined the family in Palestine. and spent a year travelling in

Syria and Jordan. She also taught the two young Warner

From 1932 to 1935 she took a Froebal teacher training course in London, where she met Ann Driver, who was teaching music and movement to very young children and who later became well known as a pioneer in the use of BBC radio broadcasts to schools They became close friends and in 1955 collaborated in writing Something Particular, which

was commended as "the most

beautiful book of the year". During the later 1930s Ramirez taught young children in deprived parts of London, Glasgow and Edinburgh. She then moved to teach in France, from where she was evacuated in 1940, and at Repton Junior School, 1940-42. Having worked for two royal families. she finally took up her appointment as a schools inspector in 1950, working in the Midlands until 1974. She moved to her beloved Cheltenham in 1967. and joined the Cheltenham Civic Society and the Cercle

Français de Cheltenham. In retirement she maintained her interests in education, the Middle East, French and Spanish, as well as drama and poetry. She was a keen member of the the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the British Association for Early Childhood Education. She was also a trustee of the Ann Driver Trust. which offers awards for further study and projects to young people interested in music and the arts.

She never married.

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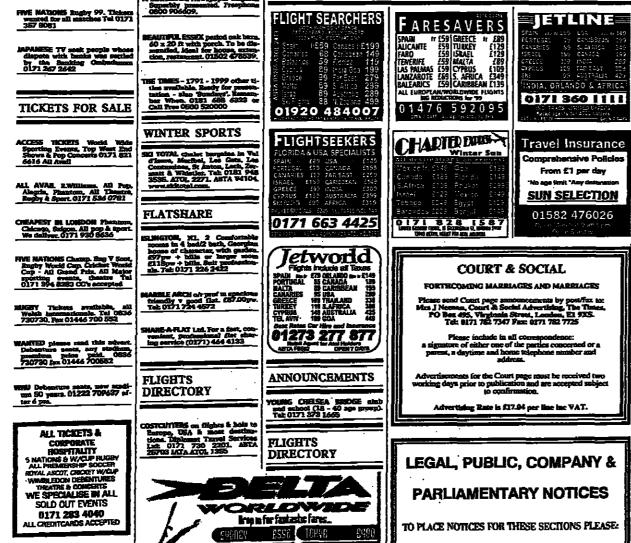
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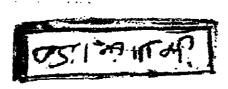
The weather yesterday morning was again very cold, both over the British Islands and the Continent. In London the thermometer did not rise above 29deg all day. The air last night was. however, distinctly more humid than of late, and very slight rain fell for a few minutes. On the Round Pond, Kensington Gardens, there was splendid skating yesterday. Among the 12,000 people who were on it, at least 500 were ladies. and of these about a dozen were in skating costume, three ladies wearing the smart befurred turbans and tunics which are associated with the sport in Canada. There was a novelty in the skating on the Round Pond in the rapid runs made by three boys from the Cripples' School, South Kensington. The lads had each only one leg, but they careered over the ice with ease and were cheered by the onlookers. From Regent's Park the following report was made last night by the deputy superintendent: -

ON THIS DAY

February 2, 1895

Although skaters were out in their thousands on the ponds in and around London, there was not enough work clearing snow for many of the unemployed.

The ice is in fair condition, but rough in places. Today there were upon it between 7,000 and 8,000 skaters and sliders. No accidents." From the Welsh Harp. Hendon, came the following report: - "The ice is good: 300 people have been on it." Inspectors Pope and Kitch had a large force of police around the Serpentine to keep all people off it. The ice in Finsbury, Clissold and Victoria Parks was found yesterday morning to be covered with four inches of snow. Special gangs of labourers were engaged to clear this away, and after a few hours' delay skating was resumed. The flooded meadow at Spring-hill affords the best and safest skating ground in the district, and nightly floodings have kept the ice in tine condition. In Battersea Park vesterday the fine ornamental lakes were again open to skaters up to 7pm, and were visited by several thousand persons. The County Council's men are in constant attendance ready for an emergency. There was some excitement yesterday morning at the St George's. Hanover Square, depot, where 700 or 800 unemployed men presented themselves for work to clear the snow from the footpaths. Only about 400 could be engaged, and the disappointment which followed led to some very disorderly scenes. Several men were severely injured in the struggle. At the Belvedere Road depot of the Lambeth Vestry large gangs were taken on, but here too, many were refused. One man in the crush to get to the yard fainted, and soon afterwards expired.



Court of Appeal

Repayments of stamp duty

M&G Securities Ltd v Inland QC and Mr Christoper Tidmarsh Revenue Commissioners Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd v

Before Mr Justice Park [Judgment January 21]

Managers of unit trusts were entitled to repayments of stamp duty by virtue of section 54(4) of the Finance Act 1946 in circumstances where a holder of units in the trust instead of selling them for cash, ex-croised his right to request that in return for cancellation of the units he receive a transfer of investments and cash out of the underlying portfolio of the trust.

Mr Justice Park so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on originating summonses concerning the construction of section 54(4) of the 1946 Act and upholding claims for repayment of £189.637 ad valorem duty by M & G Securities Ltd and £5,582,454 by Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd.

Section 54 of the 1946 Act provides: "(4) Where a unit under a the managers by an instrument of transfer duly stamped and, before the expiration of two months from the date of the transfer the managers and trustees jointly certify - (a) that the certificate, if any, in respect of the unit has been can-celled; and (b) that, as a consequence of the transfer, a proporcionate part of the trust property has been realised, and the trust property diminished accordingly; and (c) the unit is extinguished ... the commissioners shall, on the application of the person by or on behalf of whom the duty was paid and on production to them of the instrument of transfer and of the joint certificate of the managers and trustees, refund the duty."

Mr Christopher McCail, OC. Prosser, QC for Schroder Unit

Regina v Liverpool City Mag-

istrates Court. Ex parte

Before Lord Justice Buxton and

Where, through his legal represent-

anve, an accused asked a magis-

trates court to commit him to trial

in his absence on the ground of his

ill health, section 4(4) of the Magis-

trates' Courts Act 1980 did not re-

strict the justices to allowing only

evidence to come before them and

they could proceed to commit un-

Court so held in refusing the appli-

cation of John Quantrell for judi-

The Queen's Bench Divisional

der section 6(2) of the Act.

Quantrell

Mr Justice Collins

[Judgment January 19]

MR JUSTICE PARK said that M & G was the manager of a unit must fund. An owner of a large holding of units in the fund, in-stead of selling them for eash, exer-cised a right under the trust deed to take an in specie redemption: that was on cancellation of his units, to receive a transfer of investments and cash out of the underlying port-

To exercise that right the unit holder had to make to M & G. as manager of the trust, a written request for the redemption. That document was required by section 57(3) of the Act to be stamped ad valuations.

M & G paid £189,637. It claimed repayment, contending that the conditions set out in section 54(4) were fulfilled. The Revenue did not accept that they were.

The facts in Schroder's case were in principle the same: the point arising as respected three unit trusts of which Schroder was the manager. In all the trusts involved the trustee was Lloyds Bank

reference in section 54(4)(b) to a "proportionate part of the trust property" being realised was a ref-erence to the trustees of the unit trust selling for cash investments which it held as part of the trust fund or rather was a reference to the unit holder realising his interest by surrendering it to the trustee in return for a distribution of in-

The Revenue said the former: M & G and Schroder the latter. Although the law had been in the present form since 1946, these cases were the first time that the question had arisen.

When a unit holder wanted to recash for them and that was what

charged under the Child Abduc-

tion Act 1984. Because of illness he

was unable to travel to the court for

the committal hearing. It was nev-

ertheless his desire that proceed-

ings should continue quickly and

It was submitted on his behalf

nitted under section 6(2) of the

. However, section 6(2) made no

reference to committal in the ac-

cused's absence and section 4(4) re-

ferred only to receiving evidence when the accused was absent.

Section 4 of the 1980 Act pro-

before the justices that he could be

1980 Act in his absence

Committing absent accused for trial

But a unit holder was the owner of an undivided share in the invest-ments and cash which from time to time comprised the fund of the unit trust and those with reasonably substantial holdings were permit-ted under their unit trust deeds to surrender their units, not in return

for their cash value, but in return for a distribution of a proportion-ate part of the underlying invest-ments of the rust fund. Section 57(3) created a deemed sale, providing that where a holder "authorised ... the managers to treat him as no longer interested in a unit" there was a deemed trans-fer of the unit to the managers and

the instrument of authority was stamped as a transfer on sale. The arguments arose under section 54(4(b)), the other requirements of the subsection not being

It was agreed that on the re-demptions the trust property was diminished, but the Revenue said that a proportionate part of the trust property had not been real-

Mr Henderson argued that those words referred to realisations by the trustees, and required the trustees to convert into cash, or an equivalent to cash, a proportion of the property comprised in the trust fund.

Typically that would be achieved by sales of investments for cash on the open market.

But where, said Mr Henderson, units were redeemed in specie the trustees did not realise anything: they simply transferred assets in their existing unrealised state to the former unit holders and condi-

tion (b) was not satisfied. M & G and Schroder disagreed. They said that the reference to a proportionate part of the trust prop-erty being realised was a reference to the realisation by the unit holder of their units, the realisation taking changing their units for specific in-vestments and sums of cash.

a legal representative and has con-sented to the evidence being given

Section 6 provides: "(2) A magis-

trates court inquiring into an of-

fence as examining justices may ... commit the accused for trial for the

offence without consideration of

the contents of those statements.

unless - (a) the accused ... has no le-

gal representative ... or (b) ... [the ac-cused] has requested the court to

consider a submission that the statements disclose insufficient evi-

dence to put the accused on trial by

Mr Michael Scholes for the ap-

LORD JUSTICE BUXTON said

plicant: the justices did not apepar

and were not represented.

in his absence."

On that interpretation the specie redemptions satisfied condition (b). of the legislation as a whole and appreciating the role which section 54(4) performed, the construction for which M & G and Schroder con-

tended was correct. The Revenue's interpretation was quite remarkably severe in its impact on unit trust managers. When unit holders wrote exercising their rights to require redemp-tions in specie the managers had to

pay duty.
On the Revenue's argumen there was no possibility of their ob-taining any relief or recovering their outlays of duty either from the trustees or the former unit hold-

Partiament had intended to equate the stamp duty treatment of units with that of shares. If, however, the Revenue were right, Parlia-ment had imposed a stamp duty cost in respect of units where there was none for the equivalent transaction in shares.
If a shareholder redeemed his

shares, for example on a redemp-tion of redeemable preference shares, no duty was payable on the transaction, since it was an extinction of the shares, not a transfer on sale of them. The result contended for by M & G and Schroder was far more likely to have been the one which Par-liament intended, or would have in-

tended if it had applied its mind to The case was not an easy one. The subject matter was technical and esoteric. By no means all the arguments pointed in the same di-rection and there were considera-

tions of substance supporting the But the balance came down clearly in favour of the managers and the orders they requested for repayment with interest would be

Solicitors: Rowe & Maw: Ever-

justices to make that decision when

that construction of section 6(2).

The justices were not obliged to pro-

but they were wrong in this case in

believing that they were prevented from committing the accused by having no liberty to do so.

Although his Lordship appreci-

ated the care given to the matter by the justices clerk he did not agree with the conclusion that the justic-

es had not been free to proceed

with committal in the absence of

His Lordship's judgment went no further than to say that the jus-

tices had not been inhibited. They

His Lordship could not agree to

the accused was not there.

Solicitors not liable over forgery

Midland Bank pic v Cox Me- act for our above-mentioned cus-Queen (a Firm) Before Lord Woolf, Master of the

Rolls, Lord Justice Mummery and Lord Justice Mantell Judgment January 261

Solicitors retained by a bank to obtain the signature of a customer's wife to a legal charge were not liable for non-performance of that re-tainer where the signature ob-tained was a forgery as the obliga-tion which they had accepted was merely to exercise a reasonable standard of care in relation to that

If the bank had wished to impose an absolute liability on the solicitors it should have done so in clear terms so that the solicitors apiated the extent of the obliga-

tion which they were accepting.
The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of the plaintiffs, Midland Bank plc, against the dismissal by Judge Perrett, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, on November 28, 1997 of its claim against the defendant firm of solicitors. Cox McQueen, for, inter alia, damages for non-performance of retainer.

Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC and Mr Hugh Mercer for the bank: Mr astair Norris, QC, for the solici-

THE MASTER OF THE ROUS said that the appeal raised a point of some importance as to the extent of the obligation on solicitors when they were retained by a bank in connection with the execution of a charge by the wife of a cus-tomer of the bank and her signa-

ture was forged.
From 1970 Mr Dukes and his family company were customers of the bank. His wife was the sole owner of a house. No one at the

bank had met Mrs Dukes. In 1985 the limit on the family creased. In return Mr Dukes had deposited with the bank the deeds and conveyances of the house and a letter of consent which purported to have been signed by Mrs Dukes in the presence of a different firm of solicitors from the defendants. In fact that document had not been signed by Mrs Dukes but by someone else and Mrs Dukes had

thought the documents were being deposited at the bank for safe keep-In 1987 Mr Dukes had persuaded the bank to lend him money on

the security of the house to enable him to pay off the debts the company owed to the bank. The security for the loan was to be an "all moneys" security, not only for existing but also for future indebtedness That involved recharging the The bank had been well aware

that it would be necessary for Mrs Dukes to have independent legal advice before she executed the security. That had led to the solicitors being retained by the bank, on the nomination of Mr Dukes for whom they had previously acted. The bank had written to the solic-

in connection with a loan we are advancing to repay existing borrow-ings. I should be grateful if you would also act on our behalf by ob-taining the signatures of Mr and Mrs Dukes to the various docu-ments shown below ... To be signed by Mrs Dukes: First legal

The document described as the first legal mortgage also included the following certificate to be signed by the soficitors: "We hereby certify that the contents of this document have been fully ex-plained to Mrs Dukes that she fuly understands the portent and has igned this document of her own

the bank apparently properly com-pleted. The solicitors invaiced the bank for £23 for their services.

Four and a half years later the bank had sought to rely on their charge and had discovered that it had not been signed by Mrs Dukes but by an imposter who had been introduced by Mr Dukes to the so-licitors as his wife.

The bank had originally advanced its case against the solici-tors under four different heads: (2) ence or breach of the implied duty to carry out the retainer with able care and skill: (b) breach of warranty of authority, (c) non-performance of the retainer; and (d) breach of the warranty con-tained in the certificate on the

The judge had dismissed all those allegations. The argument of the bank on the appeal had prima-rily been based on the alleged non-performance by the solicitors of

their retainer. The bank had submitted that the terms of the bank's letter were unqualified. It had required the solicitors to obtain the signatures of Mr and Mrs Dukes to the various

The solicitors had not obtained Mrs Dukes' signature but the sig-nature of someone else. Therefore they did not carry out their retainer. That was contrary to the strict obligation which they had accept-ed to obtain Mrs Dukes' signature. As to the interpretation of the re-tainer, the solicitors had relied

upon the guidance of Lord Hoffmann in Investors Compensation Scheme Ltd v West Bromwich Building Society [1998] I WLR 896.
912]: "Interpretation is the ascertainment of the meaning which the document would convey to a rea-sonable person having all the background knowledge which would reasonably have been available to the parties in the situation in which they were at the time of the con-

The features of the background which were of most significance

The retainer had been in connection with the bank obtaining security for a loan which in its commercial judgment the bank had decided to make to its customer, Mr

vith entering into such a transaction, even with a customer who was thought to be respectable.
That was the type of risk for which a commercial body such as a bank would make provision.

2 On the other hand, the solicitors were being retained in their profes-sional capacity to provide services to the bank. In the ordinary ways or liciturs were not required to take commercial risks of that nature.

In the provision of services the normal standard of responsibility of solicitors, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, was to exercise the standard of care which was normally to be expected from a competent member of the profession providing that service.

3 The bank would normally be in a better position than the solicitors to form a judgment as to the custom-

It was against that background that the following question had to be objectively answered: did the wered: did the be objectively answered: did the bank intend to ask for and did the solicitors intend to give a promise to answer for the fraud of the cusmer even if that fraud could not be detected by exercising all proper

In his Lordship's view the answer to that question should be "No", unless the language used compellingly indicated otherwise. Although the bank's letter had instructed the solicitors to obtain the signature of Mr and Mrs

Dukes on the documents, that could not be an absolute obligation to do so. If Mr and Mrs Dukes had decided not to proceed with the transaction then of course the solicitors would not be liable because the signatures were not obtained.

An obligation of that nature was not likely to be of an absolute nature. It was better suited to a requirement to exercise a reasonable standard of care. The words did not compel the conclusion for which the bank contended.

In Zwebner v Mortgage Corporation plc (unreported, June 18, 1998, CA (Civ Div) Transcript No 966 of 1996) the facts generally bore a marked resemblance to the present facts. However, in Zwebner the solici-

tors gave an undertaking that "all appropriate documents will be properly executed..." The Court of Appeal concluded that that undertaking had contractual force.

Zwebner was at least highly per-

suasive authority in support of the bank's argument. If his Lordship had been in doubt as to the right outcome of the appeal, he would not have been prepared to distinguish the present case from Zwebn-er. However, on the facts of the present case, his Lordship had no doubt that the judge had come to the right decision.

The obligation was not absolute. In those circumstances his Lordship did not feel constrained by Zwebner and was not prepared to imply into the retainer the word "properly" which did not appear, nor to assimilate a certificate with Lines did have to be drawn so that two cases dealing with similar facts produced different results. That was undesirable but inevita-In his Lordship's judgment, the

decision in Zwebner should not be given a wide application. To do so would ignore the wider consequences of the court's decision. if commercial institutions such as banks wished to impose an absolute liability on members of a pro-fession they should do so in clear terms so that the solicitors could ap-

preciate the extent of the obligation which they were accepting. Frequently that sort of task was undertaken by small firms of solicitors who were already finding it dif-ficult to remain viable. That was

independ by the costs of insurance. If they were to be liable for substantial sums of damages as a re-sult of the fraud of the customers of the bank which they could not prevent, then either they would have to withdraw from providing those services or they would have to charge for their services at a rate very different from that which was charged here. Neither result was m the interests of the banks or their customers or the public.

The result was not in the interests of the banks' customers as they would not benefit from the explanation of the transaction from a mem-ber of the legal profession who was qualified to give that explanation. It was not in the interests of banks as they would have to pay higher fees which they might or ight not seek to recover from

It was not in the interest of the public because it was important that legal services were readily available and that would not be the case if small firms were unable to

Unless the language used in a retainer clearly had that consequence, the courts should not be ready to impose obligations on sosolicitor might not be able to meet. Lord Justice Mummery gave a concurring judgment and Lord Jus-tice Mantell agreed.

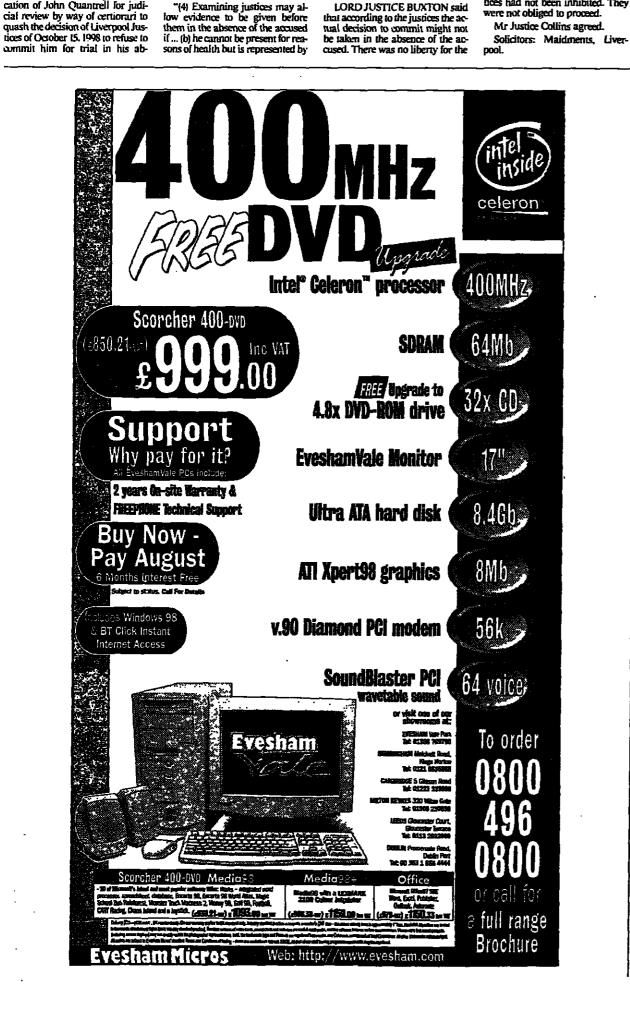
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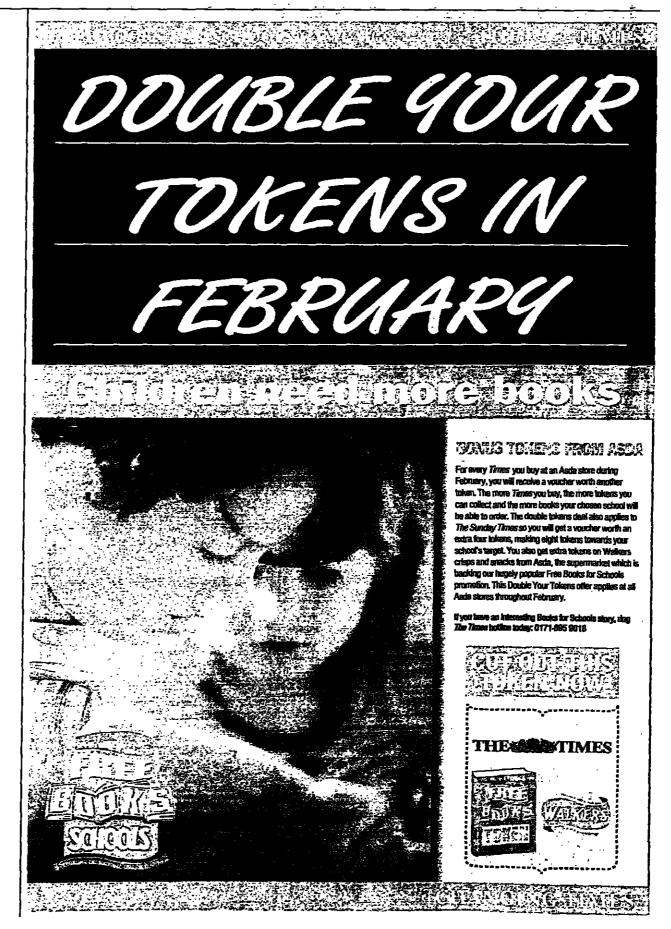
Corrections

In BCCI v Ali (The Times January 25) the court upheld BCCI's claim and the leading counsel for the liquidators was Mr Christophei Jeans, QC.

In R v Abdul-Hussain and associated cases (The Times January 26) the appeal by Maged Mehdy Naji, represented by Mr Alper Riza, QC and Mr Lee Karu was allowed. The appellant Sabah Nouri Nagi, represented by Mrs Frances Bacon, was omitted and his appeal was dismissed. Mr Nicholas Hilliard appeared for the Crown. Mr Timothy Horgan was not

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The training and consultancy unit of Kensington and Chelsea College is running courses for owners and workers in small businesses funded by Focus Central London, the training and enterprise council. Courses run from February 15 to March 12 and cost £15 for a half-day session. Details on 0171-573 5322.

☐ A guide to the new legislation on whistle-blowing, which protects staff who report illegal, unjust or dangerous practices by employers, has been produced by Theodore Goddard, the City solicitors. Inquiries 0171-606 8855.

☐ Small businesses are being invited to take part in the Delta Experience roadshow in Egypt, a touring exhibition of catalogues, videos and interactive product demonstrations in April. It is part of the DTI's Connect Egypt export campaign. The cost is about £250. Details: 01277 812424.

☐ A second edition of *Tax Planning*. a guide written by business tax specialists, has been produced by the UK 200 Group. The price is E12.50 including postage. Contact: 01252 333511.

□ Subhash Joshi, a 45-year-old partner with Pannell Kerr Foster, the accountancy firm specialising in financial advice to small businesses, has become the first Asian president of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce in its 216 years.

The Prince's Trust is to help 20 young people in South Wales and Manchester to set up their own businesses using a £60,000 donation from Royal Bank of Scotland. The bank is also encouraging staff to become volunteer business mentors for businesses supported by the trust. Details from Clare Winterton on 0171-543 1381.



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Braid bunch are happy to pull in the tourists

Christian Diamond

visits a factory making every rope product from bell pulls to dog leads

ne of the more singular tourist attractions in the Yorkshire Dales is a 10,000 sq ft factory producing dog leads, church bell ropes, calving ropes, candle wicks and much else out of rope and braid,

Some 100,000 people a year, most of them holidaymakers, visit WR Outhwaite & Son, ropemakers in Hawes, and apart from school parties (because a member of staff is detailed to show them around) they get in free.

This is primarily a working factory and if we started charging everyone we'd have to invest in all sorts of other facilities," says Ruth Annison, who with her husband. Peter, bought the firm nearly 25 years ago.

As it is, visitors still account for a quarter of their business because of the money they spend in the factory shop. This stocks a large range of rope and braid products, wooden toys and items such as sheep-shaped biscuit cutters, whistling toy birds, old-fashioned clothes pegs and slate boards for children to draw on.

The more unusual products have proved highly popular, the biscuit cutters often being bought by local bed and breakfast establishments so they can serve sheep-shaped fried bread for breakfast.

It was in 1905 that W. R. (Billy Dick") Outhwaite bought an existing rope business in Hawes which he later passed on to his son, Tom. "When we took over the firm in 1975 it was a one-person business with 400 sq ft of factory space, mainly devoted to making rope for farm-

ers which was used either to tie up

their animals or lead them

around." says Mrs Annison. Now the full and part-time staff total 25 and the output extends to clotheslines, coffin ropes (for lowering coffins into the grave), light pull cords, skipping ropes, mooring lines, bannister ropes, barrier ropes, picture cords, carrier bag

Money for old rope: Ruth and Peter Annison are always searching for new products to manufacture handles and two sizes of portable dressage arenas, consisting of rone lengths, pieces of Velcro and wooden posts that can all be packed up

"We're always searching for new products which can fit into our manufacturing process and what we're very good at is dealing with small orders in specialist niche markets. If people want tailor-made products in reasonable quantities that's ideal for us," says Mrs Annison.

inside a car boot. The company's an-

nual turnover is a little over half a

million pounds.

Sometimes we deal with an individual customer but often our work comes through intermediaries and is a component of a bigger product, so we may not know who the end user is. Currently we're making rope for 'trouser butlers' (for hanging up trousers) which are being advertised in a number of mail order catalogues and a few months ago we made shoelaces for a company making children's toy shoes.

Then the other week someone phoned up and told us they'd been asked to provide a large number of carrier bags for an exhibition. Could we make the braid handles? Fortunately we had the right colour yarn in stock so we got the order." she adds.

British-made "maypoie braid-ers" at W. R. Outhwaite & Son can plait up to 32 different coloured strands at any one time whereas rope-making involves twisting the yarn or fibre rather than plaiting it. The most traditional product

with which the company is associated is the church bell rope — made according to the height of the tower and weight of the bell. Visitors can often see the yarn or fibre being laid out in parallel lines before the twisting process starts. With the Millennium Commis-

sion having granted E3 million towards restoring church bells in more than 100 communities and because church bells will ring in the new millennium on January I. 2000, there is likely to be increased demand for bell ropes over the next

year. "We're at the end of the chain because the bells, hell wheels and hell frames have to be made or re-stored first," says Mrs Annison, As a price guide a 45 ft length of church bell rope for a hell weighing up to 15 cwt is about £65.

The publication The Ringing World carries an Outhwaite advert every formight and for other products the company advertises in a varien of consumer and specialist magazines. Once a year they take a stand at PetIndex — the pet product trade show — at the NEC in Birmineham to promote their dog leads and "ChewTugs", while opening the factory to the public makes for good publicity as well. "One of the nice things about running your own business is to see your product in places around the country. I know when I go to airports there'll be a chance of spotting some of our barrier ropes. It makes going on holiday an even more enjoyable experience," says Mr Annison. □ W. R. Outhwaite & Son, Rope-

makers: 01969 667487.

Tecs confusion reigns as report fails to appear

THE long-awaited report on the future of training and enterprise councils (Tecs), the joint initiative between the Government and private enterprise to help small businesses. is still in the melting pot.

The Department for Education and Employment, which has responsibility for the Tees, admits that there is no target date for completion of the review. Tees themselves were expecting the report to be published last autumn. The date has slipped back, causing confusion. Rumours have circulated that the review will be completed in February. March. April. or even as late as the autumn.

After taking office the Government indicated that it intended to carry out an urgent examination of the cost and effectiveness of Tecs. It wanted to improve the accountability of the business-dominated governing bodies administering bud-gets totalling \$1.7 billion and to assess the number of jobs and businesses created through their efforts. Various reasons have been ad-

vanced for the delay. Tees were invited to put forward their views. and the heavy response meant that more material than expected had to be studied. The review has also been expanded to include the role that the councils can play in the Government's social evolusion policy. which was designed to help disad-vantaged youngsters to find work. In the meantime. Tees have been

allocated their budget for the coming financial year. The Department for Education and Employment says

it received a 13 per cent increase. Many companies that have benefited from the advice and expertise of their local Tec are effusive in praise of the service. But for every apologist there seems to be an equally fervent critic.

Tees have been caught to some extent between two departments. Because they provide training, they come under the Department for Education and Employment, but the enterprise half of the equation would sit more readily with the Department of Trade and Industry. In an attempt to solve the dilemma, Richard Page, the last Conservative Small Firms Minister, created Business Links to provide a one-stop shop for small businesses seeking advice and information. Critics say this simply caused more confusion. Too. Business Links, enterprise agencies. chambers of commerce and trade as-sociations all compete to provide help for small businesses.

Independent surveys suggest that the first preference of small businesses is to approach the local chamber of commerce. Better Business magazine found that in a survey of 50 small businesses last month only six said they would consuit a Tea if they had problems. This was a lower rating than banks, friends, magazines, accountants, books, solicitors and consultants.

Small firms warming to concept of online banking

SMALL and medium-sized businesses are set to move heavily into PC and telephone banking, research by the Royal Bank of Scotland suggests (Rodney Hobson

Although many businesses have been nervous of adopting high-tech banking or have seen it as more suitable for larger outfits. RBS found that a third of small businesses intend to adopt PC banking in the next two years, while one in five are considering Internet banking in the same timescale, RBS talked to nearly 1,000 companies with annual turnover of at least 250,000 but with fewer than 250 employees. So far only one in ren uses PC banking and only 2 per

cent use Internet banking. Telephone banking is more popular and is used by one in five businesses. This figure is set to increase to about 29 per cent. Service sector businesses are more likely than manufacturers to use PCs and the

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Dwight Yorke, the Fantasy League's leading scorer, nods in Manchester United's last-minute winner against Charlton on Sunday. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird/Allsport

Doubles all round as prizes reward fantasy managers

his week, we announce the winners of the EI,000 monthly prize for January and the weekly winner — also of £1,000 because last week's prize was not awarded and the amount was rolled over. Both winners also receive £100 of Puma sports equipment. In addition, we have the winner of the £500 ON-Target prize for the period January 19-24, and the Premiership shirt for the January winner of the Youth League.

■ We also announce three ON-Target numbers. If your team total for the week according to the player lists (right) comes to either x, x or x, follow the instructions on the opposite page to find out if you have won the weekly ON-Target prize, or one of the runner-up prizes. This week only, the winner receives £1,000 (a double prize, with £500 carried over from last week).

Some interesting new names have entered the lists of players available for your Fantasy League teams. The two Cameroon internationals Marc-Vivien Foe, who made his debut for West Ham in the goalless draw at Wimbledon, and Rigobert Song, the gift to headline writers who marked his first appearance for Liverpool with a defeat away to Coventry, were the highest-profile newcomers following their appearances in France 98.

However, a more familar face. although also an established overseas international, did better. John Harkes, the former Sheffield Wednesday defender, fell out with the United States management before the competition and missed out on the World Cup, but is back in the Premiership with Nottingham Forest, and celebrated his return with a win at Everton, Hugo Porfirio, formerly with West Ham. another member of Big Ron's Nottingham Foreign legion, also returned to British football as a late substitute in that game.

Kaba Diawara, Arsenal's new signing from (surprise, surprise) France is another new name in the lists, while Chris Marsden, the

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elegant former Stockport County and Birmingham City midfield player, has finally reached the Premiership thanks to his transfer to

Our Fantasy Player of the week (opposite) is one of the relatively unsung foreign imports, playing for one of the relatively unfashionable clubs. His surname is oddly familiar thanks to the regular mentions in the world of politics (Paul, a minister in the Home Office), and fashion (Ozwald, the designer), but George, the Ghanaian-born Holland international who plies his trade in the Coventry City midfield, deserves his own share of the limelight. Signed from Feyenoord last

season, he established himself in the

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midfield anchor role as Coventry enjoyed their best season for years; Dublin and Huckerby supplied the goals, with Boateng behind them. This term, he has found himself moved to the right of midfield to accommodate the return from injury of Gary McAllister.

On Saturday, he also revealed a talent for goalscoring to viewers of Match of the Day, as he dived to head Coventry's opening goal past Liverpool's David James, and his chipped forward pass enabled Noel Whelan to double the lead. The goal and the assist were worth a total of five points to Fantasy League entrants: it could have been seven, if Whelan had not strayed offside before slipping the ball home from Boateng's headed pass.

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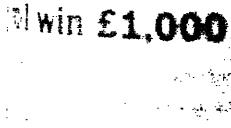
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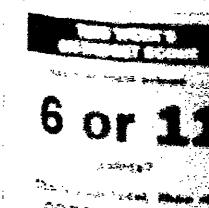
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Celebrations from Harrow to Yorke

FANTASY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Because there were no prizes awarded last week, two managers can now thank their players for making them £1,000 richer

he last-minute winner scored against Charlton Athletic at The Valley by Dwight Yorke of Manchester United on Sunday was worth more than two extra league points to his employers. It also boosted Yorke's Fantasy League score for January to 19 points, and won the monthly prize of £1,000 plus £100 of sports equipment for Sarabjot Kohli, of Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr Kohli, who has entered two

teams in The Times Fantasy League, is a sixth-form student at Watford Grammar School, and supports Manchester United. His team. Junglemen, scored 77 points last month, and benefited from using the same Andy Cole-Dwight Yorke dual spearhead as the FA Carling Premiership leaders. Yorke, transferred to Old Trafford after the start of the Fantasy League season, is still counted as an Aston Villa ; player, so, despite the one-player-per-club rule, he can play

in the same side as Cole, who notched 16 points in January.

"At the beginning of the season, I saw that Dwight Yorke was coming to United, and I thought he and

Andy Cole would score loads of goals, because Manchester United get the ball to their front players a lot," Mr Kohli said.

The other leading contributor was Martin Keown, the Arsenal defender whose part in his team's shutouts (not to mention one of his very occasional goals, against Nortingham Forest at the City Ground), were worth 12. Andy Hinchcliffe of Sheffield Wednesday and Tottenham Hotspur's Sol ! Campbell also scored well. Mr Kohli's only non-contributor was Gustavo Poyet, the injured Chelsea midfield player whose goals and assists have also been sorely missed by his club. Over the past seven days, his best performer has been Stephen Glass, whose two assists in Newcastle's win over Aston Villa were worth four points.

It is worth noting that Mr Kohli made a four-pronged assault on the transfer market in November, bringing in Campbell, Keown and Glass along with Michael Ball the Everton wing-back who seems to be in most winning teams.

He watches most of his football on television, but is also a careful reader of newspapers, keeping back copies of player lists and noting the names of the regular points scorers. Such meticulous research deserves its reward. Tve been playing FantasylLeague

for three or four years and this is the first time I ve won anything, he

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receives £1,000 plus £100 of sports equipment (last week's £500 prize having been carried over), is Chris Taylor of Eccleston, Lancashire. His selection, Taylor's Topteam, scored 27 points last week, with five-point contributions from George Boateng, our Fantasy Player of the Week (see opposite and above), and Alan Rogers, the Nottingham Forest full back who scored three points for his part in a rare clean sheet for his side and an assist in Pierre van Hooijdonk's winner against Everton at Goodison Park.

Solid rather than spectacular scoring was the secret of Mr Taylor's success, with no fewer than five of his players earning three points: Peter Schmeichel, Tony Adams, Matt Elliott, Steve McManaman and Alan Shearer.

Paul Rathbone, whose team, The Vixens, scored 71 points in January. was the monthly winner of the Youth League. He receives a Premiership shirt. Previous monthly winners were Lauren Fisher of Edgware, Middlesex (October). Hosanna Pain of Robertsbridge, East Sussex (November) and Stuart Rutter of Moseley, West Midlands



George Boateng, one-man international squad: born in Ghana, represents Holland, and plays for Coventry. Before turning Sky Blue, he was with Feyenoord; two-footed, good header of the ball and can run all day - so why do people confuse him with an MP and a clothes designer?

FANTASY LEAGUE TOP 100

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So your team is useless? You can still win £1.000 this week

Now is the time to sign up a new team for On-Target, the game where you don't have to be a footballing anorak to win the prizes

Anupama Muddu of Bramhall, the main winner of ON-Target this week, who finds herself £500 richer and possessor of an EA Sports Pack. Fourteen other managers have also managed to win them-selves excellent prizes.

Even if you do not have a Fantasy League team, you can enter this new game now - or enter a new one simply for ON-Target. All managers have the chance to win a share of £28,000 of new prizes. The Times has teamed up with EA Sports to offer you the chance to own the renowned FIFA 99 game. Every week you ■ 1st Prize: £500 plus an

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IF YOU already have a team in the main game, then you're ready to play ON-Target. Simply check your Fantasy League playsee if their total is the same as our ON-Target score shown here each Tuesday. If you have scored the exact target points, a quick call to our ON-Target winners' line (national rate call) will put you in the draw to win one of the 15 prizes.

The ON-Target score may be high or low. There could be more than one score (such as today). It could be a minus score. So it's worth checking your performance every week. Just have your PIN number handy to call the

winners line on: 0870 901 4270



If you don't have a team, or want to sign up another one, enter now by filling in the entry form. There are no limits to how many teams you enter. Not only could you win the ON-Target prizes, but you could win the main game week-(£500) or monthly (£1,000) prizes.

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should last about a minute). Claims must be made before midnight on Sunday night. The lines then close until the next game starts on Tuesday

morning.
If you have scored the correct number of points AND called the claim line, you go into the draw. Just look in the paper on the following Tuesday to see if you have won.

Managers with the correct points who have not called the claim line will not be entered. Calls that are incomplete, inaudible or invalid will not be entered. All teams in the draw must conform to the main game rules.

This week's winners are: Anupama Muddu of Bramhall (£500 plus EA Sports Pack); Duncan Friart of Cramlington. David Holand-Bride of Willenhall, Gavin Burr of Kenilworth and Mark Escrete of Hull (EA Sports Packs); Richard Nunn of Norwich, David Pentin of Heathfield, Corie Lavender of Chesterfield, Andrew Hannon of Norwich, Milan Kupusarevie of Newcastle upon Tyne, Tony Carr of London Wl. Mark Thomas of Learnington Spa, Lee Forster of Cheadle and Steve Longsborough of Whitby (Fifa. 99 CD-Roms).

FANTASY LEAGUE QUIZ

Every week we



challenge you to test your footballing knowledge, Last week there were pictures of Gianfranco Zola, Jimmy Floyd lasselbaink, Dwight Yorke and Frank Leboeuf. The link between this

quartet is that they are the top four overseas Fantasy League points scorers. This week's is a good deal harder

and you may need reference books to detect the common denominator between these four **Premiership** players





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Cup form boosts league performance

EVEN though FA Cup games do not contribute towards The Times Fantasy League, the consequences of these games can certainly affect the success of your side in the following weeks.

Although it is obviously

pleasing io see one of your players hit the target in the Cup, you do not get rewarded in the form of Fantasy League points. However, the benefit of your players gaining confidence as a result comes later on. For example. Noel Whelan had hit a temporary lean spell in the Premiership. so managers owning the Sky Blues attacking midfielder were relieved to see their man notch a goal, and also set up another during Leicester's 3-0 nightmare at Filbert Street. He carried on where he left off

when it really mattered this weekend, impressing in their 2-I win against Liverpool, scoring the all-important second goal in the process.

Other players who gained confidence from their FA Cup performances were Newcastle midfielder Temuri Ketsbaia, who has really hit some form, and Dennis Bergkamp, who notched up another three

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However, the experience encountered by some Fantasy League managers during FA Cup weekends can be likened to that of the role of the Premiership managers when

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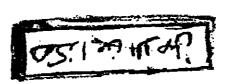
their players are on international duty. When Premiership players play for their country, the manager fears that the player will return with an injury. It's the old club versus country debate. They have nothing to gain and everything to lose - precisely the position which Fantasy League managers are put in

during FA Cup games. Managers are also affected adversely by the FA Cup if their players pick up bookings or get themselves sent off during these matches. Lee

Hendrie (currently amongst the most popular buys) picked up his fifth booking of the season which means he misses the Premiership match with Blackburn next Saturday. Roy Keane also picked up his fifth booking of the season, but the good news for all Keane owners is that the hard man will miss only their fifth-round tie with Fulham and no

Premiership matches. However, Emmanuel Petit is not so lucky. His second dismissal of the season ensures that he misses two crucial Premiership games.

Fantasy League managers owning players from Aston Villa, Leicester and Liverpool may therefore treat their respective exits from the Cup? a blessing in disguise.



THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Hoddle's fate decided today

Glenn Hoddle is facing dismissal as England football coach today after his refusal to resign over his controversial remarks about the disabled.

Hoddle will meet senior Football Association officials this morning and an announcement about his future is expected around lunchtime. Pressure on the FA increased after the Prime Minister said that Hoddle should go

Junior nurses win 12 per cent pay rise

The Prime Minister last night announced inflation-busting pay awards of more than 4 per cent for 1.3 million public sector workers and a L2 per cent rise for junior nurses. The Government agreed to honour in full the recommendations of the pay review body for nurses, doctors, the Armed Forces, teachers and top civil servants.. Pages 1, 8

Cloning rules review Radical measures to rebuild public confidence in British scientists after the BSE crisis and cloning controversies are being drawn up by the Government.....Pages 1. 9

Prescott in travel row John Prescott was accused of "liv-

ing like a king" after admitting that he chartered a helicopter to Nottingham instead of taking a train for £60. The estimated cost is up to £3,000

Doctor checkup plan

Doctors need regular performance checks to make sure they are keeping abreast of treatments and to ensure they remain competent, says the General Medical Council...Page 2

Screams disrupt court

A mother whose baby was shaken to death by the Australian nanny Louise Sullivan screamed in

court after hearing evidence that the killer still dreamt fondly about the childPage 3 Britons boycott trial Yemeni guards jabbed rifle buns

into the backs of five Britons to

force them back into court after they tried to boycott their own ter-.... Page 3 rorism trial Racism lawsuit fails

A black motorist who claimed

that he was stopped by police 34 times in two years has failed in his attempt to sue a police force

Noye fights extradition Kenneth Noye yesterday protested his innocence of the M25 road rage murder of Stephen Cameron, and claimed police had identified him illegally

IOC chief denies gift

Juan Antonio Samaranch has denied receiving an Ell,000 sword from the Governor of Nagano just before the city won the 1998 Winter Olympics......Page 10

Pope is a film buff

The Pope, who returned at the weekend from a rigorous trip to Mexico and the US, has a secret source of relaxation: the Vatican's collection of more than 6.000 .Page 10

Art claim thwarted

Prince Ernst August of Hanover, Germany's senior aristocrat, is being thwarted in his attempts to reclaim family-owned Old Masters after claims that his grandfather profited from Nazi actions against Jews......Page !!

Lewinsky questioned Monica Lewinksy spent yester-

day shut in a hotel with a video camera, answering lawyers' questions for the impeachment trial of President Clinton......Page 12

Syria under fire

Israel has accused the regime in Syria of seeking to destabilise neighbouring Jordan whose absent ruler, King Hussein, today for racial harassment......Page 5 undergoes surgery.......Page 13

Stay tuned and you could win a baby

A television event aimed at creating millennium babies has been attacked by church and family groups for devaluing human life. March 17 has been identified as the best date to begin efforts for conceiving a child born on January I, 2000, and ITV is planning Birth Race 2000 - an evening of "sex-oriented programming to get the nation in the mood" ...



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Football: John Hartson, the Wimbledon forward, has been fined £20,000 and given a three-match suspension by the FA over a training-ground incident when he was with West Ham United earlier this season. . Page 48

European Cup on Saturday, have

been invited to challenge Bath, the previous winners who did not defend their title Page 45 Motor racing: Damon Hill exuded confidence and looked forward to more Formula One victories as Jordan launched their campaign for the new season.....Page 46 Golf: Tiger Woods was heckled and

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Four years spent chasing an elusive Bill Clinton can make anybody a bit loopy. Just ask independent counsel Ken Starr, who seems to

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An outright admission that Mr 🦫 Hoddle had said something that he had subsequently come to regret would have been more honest and allowed him to preserve some personal honour..... Professional pay

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Mr Blunkett is simply trying to make the profession like any other: one where hard work and motivation are rewarded with promotion and renumeration...

The simian link

The discovery that the human Aids originated in chimpanzees has raised hope that scientists may be nearer an elusive goal - the development of a vaccine Page 17

COLUMNS

TONY GILLAND It is surprising that so few people with knowledge of the technology of genetic modification, particularly scientists and the biotech industry, have achieved publicity for its

LIBBY PURVES

I can speak with some authority on the nature of leadership, for the shaming reason that I do not have a flicker of the stuff Page 16

MICHAEL GOVE

Reincarnation, a tenet of Hindu and Buddhist belief, is now, according to Mr Blair. "very offensive". Does that mean Mr Blair will ask the Dalai Lama to consider his position?......Page 16

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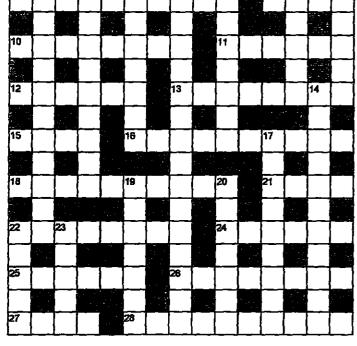
Margaret Hodge, the minister who has called for Hoddle to be sacked, 🔏 is lucky to have escaped, for she was wicked in a previous life. If there were a grain of truth in Mr Hoddle's philosophy. Mrs Hodge

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 - eign location (8). 24 Trespasser in second target area
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 - 27 Army entertainer (4). 28 Oddly sedate about hazard marked for special attention (10).
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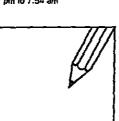
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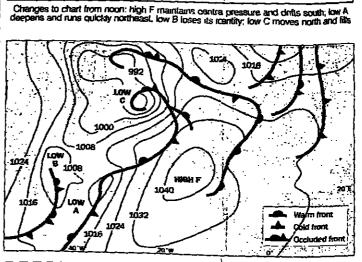
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Coopers facing £3.5m fine for Maxwell audit failures

Accountancy regulators to impose record penalty

By Robert Bruce and Jon Ashworth

COOPERS & LYBRAND, long-time adviser to Robert Maxwell, is to pay a punitive £3.5 million in fines and costs over failings in its audit work on the late publisher's business empire.

The fine against Coopers, which has since merged to Pricewaterhouse-Coopers (PwC), is the largest ever levied by the accountancy profession's regulators.

The profession's Joint Disciplinary Scheme (JDS) is expected to hand down the fine today after the firm, it is understood. admitted all 35 charges levelled by the tribunal. The report by the disciplinary tribunal headed by Roger Henderson. QC, and Ian McNeil. former president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, will say that in its opinion, "Coop-

ers & Lybrand lost the plot". Coopers is expected to be castigated in the report for a lack of planning and vigilance in its work.

The report cites two instances where Coopers has admitted that it should have "whistle-blown" to the authorities and another instance in which the firm admits that it accounts of an investment trust which had no books or records detailing assets lent to Robert Maxwell.

The report is also expected to show that work on the Maxwell account was conducted by inexperienced staff. One of the partners had only been a partner for two weeks before taking on the job. The manager on the job had just qualified as an accountant and the rest of the staff were trainees.

The JDS action comes as a serious reputational blow to Coopers, which has long been criticised over the "cosiness" of its relationship with Maxwell. The senior audit partner, Neil Taberner, worked closely with Robert Maxwell for nearly 15 years, in what became one of Coopers's longest client relationships. The firm was paid about £4 million for its audit work in 1991 alone. Mr Taberner remains a PwC partner.

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miscreants in the profession. The JDS is separately investi-

Another senior partner, Peter Walsh, now dead, appeared as a witness in the Maxwell fraud trial. Mr Walsh denied that the firm's standards had been allowed to slip because of Maxwell's domineering personality. A colleague, Stephen Wootten, also giving

Spectre returns to haunt Gough

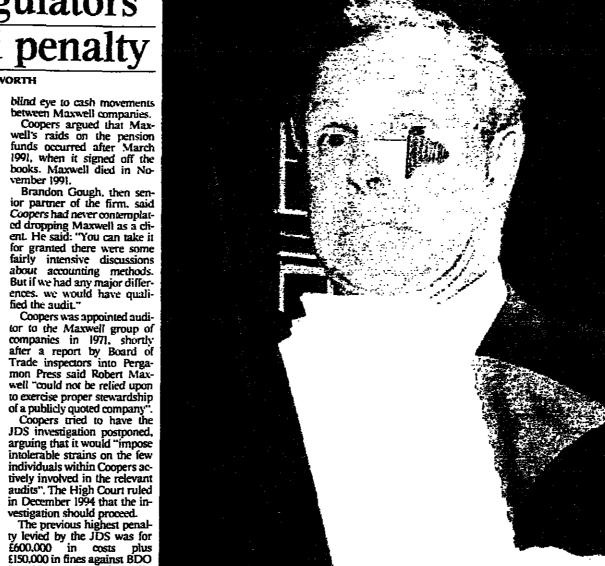
By JASON NISSE

UNDERPAID doctors and fering Yorkshire Water customers will no doubt enjoy a wrv smile at the discomfort of Brandon Gough over the Maxwell fine.

Since retiring as chairman of Coopers & Lybrand in 1994, Mr Gough has become a member of the great and good. Hailed as the man who made Coopers into Britain's largest and most successful accountancy firm, he went on to the chairmanships of Yorkshire Water -- a controversial

appointment for a Kent residentists and hosepipe ban-suf- dent - De La Rue, the Doctors' and Dentists' Pay Review Board and the Higher Education Funding Council.

When Maxwell died, Mr Gough tried to assuage worries about his firm's ties with the publisher and in a briefing at Coopers's offices he dead batted all queries, claiming client confidentiality. Despite his achievements, his ten-year tenure at the head of Coopers will be remembered by most for its coinciding with the scandal of the Maxwell affair.



Commentary, page 27 Brandon Gough said Coopers & Lybrand never contemplated dropping Maxwell as a client

Threat to City jobs from French bank link-up

By CAROLINE MERRELL

HUNDREDS of City jobs are under threat after the announcement vesterday of a proposed merger between Societe Generale and Paribas, two of France's biggest banks.
The €32 billion, (£22 billion,

merger will create SG Parihas, Europe's second-biggest bank, with €599 billion of assets. The banks said yesterday that the deal would bring cost savings of about 6800 million by 2001. The savings are to be made through merging 17 functions and job losses.

Daniel Bouton, chairman of Societé Genérale, said that there would be no compulsory redundancies in France. However, job losses in other areas of the world were not ruled out. Sociéte Generale and Paribas each employ about 2000 people in London, About 800 of these jobs are believed to be in jeopardy.

The majority of those in London are involved in investment banking, although Societé Genérale has an asset management division headed by Nic-ola Horlick. Societé Générale last year also bought Hambros, the investment bank.

Executives at the two banks admitted yesterday that the investment banking subsidiaries of the two had only "broken

precipitate further consolidation in the European banking sector. BNP, France's biggest meant 100 many job losses. BNP may now seek a merger with the soon-to-be-privatised Crédit Lyonnais.

the euro had been one of the triggers of the deal. M Bouton said: "Shortly after the birth of the euro, SG Paribas become a leading player in a number

€200 billion under management, putting it among the top ten fund managers in Europe.

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job losses at Guardian

By Richard Miles

AXA, the French insurance company that controls Sun Life & Provincial Holdings, said yesterday that any job losses resulting from its £3.4 billion acquisition of Guardian Royal Exchange (GRE) would "be in the hundreds, rather than thousands".

The group also confirmed that Robins, chief executive of GRE, had decided to leave. Departure terms for Mr Robins, who last year earned more than £500,000. in-cluding a performance bonus, have yet to be discussed.

Peter Owen, head of PPP, GRE's healthcare arm, is the only senior executive who has been given a place on the board of Sun Life, which will effectively absorb GRE's UK general and life insurance businesses. Sir Colin Chandler, GRE chairmanelect, may also be offered a non-executive role at the enlarged group. Under the term's of AXA's recommended offer, Sun Life will pay £1.88 billion for GRE UK and Ireland. GRE Germany will be sold to AXA

Colonia, the company's 73 per centowned German subsidiary, for £588 million, while the US operations will be passed to Liberty Mutual for £888 million. Sun Life is to issue £1.3 billion of shares to fund the deal, with the remaining cash raised through a £2.2 billion bank loan. The offer price of 389p per share represents a 6 per cent premium to GRE's closing price of 367p on Friday. Mark Wood, group chief execu-

tive of Sun Life, said the GRE brand would disappear after its general insurance business was merged with

that of AXA. GRE's life business which generates the equivalent of 10 per cent of Sun Life's life income will be kept as a separate entity while a review is conducted. The deal is expected to generate annual-ised savings of £50 million by 2001.

Insurance analysts gave a cau-tious welcome to the deal, which will increase Sun Life's exposure to general insurance. Mr Wood, however. said the combined group would withdraw from some of the less profitable markets, such as certain lines of motor insurance and reinsurance. The enlarged group will have a market capitalisation of £5.9 billion and assets of £55 billion.

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AXA plays down talk of | William Hill duo share £6m Nomura bonus

BY ROBERT LEA

THE TWO executives who have helped Nomura, the Japanese finance house, to make a profit of about £170 million on its 14-month investment in the William Hill bookmaking chain are to receive 56.6 million in bonuses for their work.

John Brown, chief executive, who has been with William Hill since leaving school 40 years ago, and Bob Lambert, finance director, are to each receive cash bonuses of £1.6 million plus share allocations of as much as £1.7 million each.

Keeping its promise to make available 10 per cent of its profit on Wil-liam Hill to the company's management when it floats the company. Nomura will also be paying out a further £10.5 million to another 140 Tempus, page 28 or so executives of the company - giving average windfalls of more than £70.000 per person.

The flotation will also lead to bumper bonuses for the Nomura team headed by Guy Hands, which has seen a 23 per cent rise in the value of William Hill after buying it from Brent Walker at the end of 1997 for a total of £730 million.

News of the payouts came as William Hill firmed up its plans for a stock market flotation, with share trading due to start on February 22 It said that the offer will be priced at between 155p and 175p a share. At the top end, the flotation would value the company, including debt. at

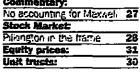
Ten per cent of shares will be on offer to members of the public willing to invest at least £1,000. The four share shops handling the issue are already reporting "significant

A Hargreaves Lansdown spokesman said: 'Bar Thomson Travei last year, we have not seen such strong demand for a float in recent years." William Hill yesterday said that it

xpects group profits for 1998 of E93.5 million, up by nearly 23 per cent on the previous year. Mr Brown said that it had enjoyed a good football World Cup - soccer betting is one of its high-margin are-as — which had made up for poor returns on the Grand National and the Cheltenham racing festival.

Mr Brown said that the company wants to add to its 1,500 betting offices, which account for 80 per cent of its £1.7 billion annual turnover.

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from Davos on stimulating global demand

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of business activities. The merger will produce a retail bank with five million customers in France. It will also produce an asset management division with more than

Merger moves and rate hopes lift shares

By Alasdair Murray ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

SHARES yesterday surged back towards record levels as merger activity and hopes of another interest rate cut this week cheered investors.

Analysts seized on a fall in consumer credit and signs that manufacturing is still mired in recession as evidence that the Bank of England will cut rates again on Thursday. The FTSE 100 index closed

up 116.4 at 6.012.4, after failing to maintain a peak of 6.045. Banking and insurance shares were in demand amid further European consolidation in the sector.

Sterling reached a record high to the euro, supported by fears that euroland economic growth is faltering. The euro fell from 69.09p to 68.92p and from \$1.1340 to \$1.1290.

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Societe Generale deal to fuel Europe bank consolidation

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By Caroline Merrell

THE proposed merger between Societé Générale and Paribas looks set to light the touch paper for the fur-ther consolidation of the European banking sector.

The deal, which will create Europe's second-largest bank with 6599 billion (6413 billion) in assets, comes just weeks after the announcement of the proposed merger between Santander and Banco Central Hispano (BCH). the Spanish banks, a deal that will creare one of Europe's top ten banks.

One analyst said yesterday that both the French and the Spanish deals would create a domino effect in their own countries as competing banks are forced into considering their own future strategies.

One of the key drivers behind consolidation is the introduction of the euro, creating as it does one capital market populated by 250 million potential banking customers.

But another is the fact that leading players do not want to see themselves slipping down the league ta-bles in terms of size. "One of the reasons for this deal," said the analyst, "is that Société Générale was recently overtaken over by BNP as France's largest bank." Post merger, SG Paribas will outstrip BNP as France's number one bank.

However, according to Mitchell Madison, the consultant, about 60 per cent of banking mergers fail to increase shareholder value over the

SG Paribas said vesterday that it was hoping to make savings of 800 million euros over three years through rationalisation on the investment technology side, and through a programme of "voluntary

However, analysts are sceptical about whether savings of this size would be possible unless more radi-

cal measures were taken. One immediate effect of the mereer will be to intensify the pressure on BNP - it now languishes tenth in terms of asset size in Europe. Yesterday's deal means that BNP has now emerged as a favourite to buy into and eventually take over, the state-controlled Credit Lyonnais.

Also up for sale in France is CCF. which is 10 per cent owned by Swiss Life. ING, the Dutch bancassurance group, has expressed an interest in CCF, while another Dutch bank. ABN Amro, is also seen to be under

pressure to do a deal. Elsewhere in Europe, the deal between Santander and BCH in Spain leaves Banco Bilbao Vizcaya (BBV) looking for a partner — this bank has been linked with Argentaria of

In Germany both Deutsche Bank and Dresdner are on the lookout for announced a merger with Bankers Trust of the US threatening 3,000 jobs in London.

The two German banks are believed to be eveing the Italian banking sector for acquisitions. BCI. an Italian bank, has been named as one possible targer.

UBS, the Swiss banking group that owns Warburg Dillon Read, is on a European banking shopping spree. It has about £10 billion to spend on buying up a private client bank in Europe.

Penfold sold to **Koreans**

Penfold golfballs will no longer to be manufactured in England after the sale of the business by its Scottish owners to a South Korean company. Grampian Holdingssaid it was selling Penfold for a profit of £1 million. The company has sold the entire stock and name rights of Penfold golfballs to Seoul Nassau, which operates as Pareto in the UK. Pareto, one of the world's largest manufacturers of golf-balls, said that it was closing down Grampian's golfball factory in Birmingham as it would be sourcing balls from South Korea. The closure will result in 75 redundancies.

Oil merger delay The oil companies Total, of France, and Belgium's Petro-Fina have withdrawn the filing of their proposed merger with the European Commission. An EU spokesman said he expected the companies to resubmit the deal at a later stage. EU sources had said last week they had concerns that the deal would reduce competition in some areas. including fuel storage.

Thomson buys Thomson Travel Group, the holiday provider, has bought Simply Travel, the specialist holiday business, for £22.5 million. It has also paid £6.2 million for Scan Holiday. which it says is Poland's largest air-inclusive tour operator

with 38 per cent of the market. Pub groups in talks Regent Inns and SFI Group. the pub groups, yesterday confirmed they were in preliminary talks that could lead to a full merger. Regent shares rose 21p to 191p, with SFI of work on this, I am of the gaining 13p to 191 ap.

Byers ready to give up final say on mergers

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

STEPHEN BYERS is preparing a substantial shake-up of merger policy, by ending the role of ministers in most takeover decisions and handing responsibility to a new independent competition authority.

The new Trade and Industry Secretary, who took over from Peter Mandelson just before Christmas, said vesterday that it was time to improve the system and to show business that the Government did not wish to stand in the way of them making decisions.

But Mr Byers also made plain that in sensitive areas he cited newspapers and defence procurement industries - the Secretary of State would continue to have a role.

Mr Byers's expected decision to hive off the bulk of merger decisions will please the Treasury which is understood to have urged it on both Margaret Beckett and Mr Mandelson, his immediate predecessors. But Mr Byers said it was a

more complicated issue than handing the Bank of England control of interest rates, because of the whole range of decisions that could be taken about mergers.

He said: "We are doing a lot view that we can improve the

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present system. I think we can improve it in a way that business will recognise we do not want to stand in the way of businesses making decisions - provided that at the end of it in some areas there will need to be Secretary of State involvement because of the wider considerations."

He said there would be "sectors" where ministerial involvement would remain "but on the broad picture there is a strong case for looking at it and considering a diffferent approach.

Mr Byers said he would publish a consultation paper in March which would contain the Government's view. He also disclosed that he

would be publishing an "im-plementation plan" next month showing how the rec-ommendations in Mr Mandelson's competitiveness White Paper would be put into effect. He said that he was "disappointed" by criticisms of the Government's attitude to manufacturing from Lord Paul, one Labour's most high-profile business supporters. He said he hoped that the implementa-

tion plan would convince him

that Labour was doing things

in different ways and not mak-

ing the mistakes of the past.



Sir John Egan, who saw shares of BAA rise after it reported pre-tax profits up 6 per cent

BAA to impose levy after abolition of duty-free

BY ADAM JONES

BAA, the airports operator. has been given the green light to levy an extra E55 million a year from passengers to compensate for losses caused by the abolition of duty-free in Europe.

The levy, equivalent to 70p per passenger, was authorised by the Civil Aviation Authority and will be phased in over two years. BAA claimed it will lose £77 million a year in net profit when duty-free on European flights is abolished in July. However, the abolition may

be postponed after pressure from European governments. Russell Walls, finance director, said a decision may be announced in the next six weeks. BAA, whose chief executive is Sir John Egan, denied suggestions that it was introducing another charge. From April I, passengers will see an airport fee listed beside the air-

a cost that was previously in-

month figures. Pre-tax profits for the period were up 6 per cent to £440 million, buoyed by better than expected perform-ance at its BAA-McArthur/ Glen shopping mall business. Sales overall rose 17 per cent fare on their ticket. BAA emphasised yesterday that this is

to £1.51 billion. The number of passengers passing through BAA airports — Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Shares of BAA yesterday million to 88 million.

rose from 723p to 765p after the

company published nine-

Johnston keeps P&S in sights

By Raymond Snoddy MEDIA EDITOR

TIM BOWDLER, chief executive of Johnston Press, said yesterday that the failed tender offer for 10 per cent of Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers was only "a minor skirmish in a long campaign".

Last month Johnston, the fifth-largest regional press group, paid £16 a share, or £28.7 million, for a 14.99 per cent stake in P&S. At the same time Johnston launched a £16 a share tender, which closed on Saturday, for a further 10 per cent. It received acceptances in respect of less than I per cent and as a result the offer is declared void.

Johnston is pushing ahead with its request for permission to take a controlling interest in P&S, which publishes 23 newspapers and owns more than 200 convenience stores. The group expects a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry to begin this week.

At least two parties have had preliminary talks with P&S -Newsquest, the third-largest regional group, and Charles Villiers, who built up the local papers side of Scottish Radio Holdings, and who is working with financial backers.

Grid buys its second US group

BY CHRISTING BUCKLEY

NATIONAL GRID vesterday bought its second US power group in just over a month with a \$634 million (£386 million) deal in New England. The operator of the UK's elec-

tricity transmission network is to be the owner of Eastern Utilities Associates (EUA) after it was bought by its neighbour New England Electric System (NEES) — the company that National Grid acquired in December for £2.7 billion.

The Grid faces a series of regulatory hurdles, but hopes both purchases will be complete by 2000. David Jones. chief executive, said he was con-fident the deals would not be blocked. He said: "This is an interlocking of two companies as far as territory is concerned. The Massachusetts regulator is enthusiastic about consolidation in the region, so we are unlikely to face tough scrutiny."

The Grid expects to make annual cost savings of about \$25 million by cutting 250 jobs and merging some customer service and distribution facilities. The Grid sold £1.2 billion of its shares in Energis, the telecoms company, earlier this month in order to fund its expansion plans.

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Blue Circle takeover talks concluding

BLUE CIRCLE, the building materials group, yesterday confirmed that it is in the final stages of takeover talks that could lead to the sale of its Armitage Shanks bathrooms division. Although the company has received a number of serious approaches for the business, currently valued at about £250 million, it is believed that Ideal Standard of the US is the front-runner for the bath and toilet-making unit.

Other potential buyers who have expressed an interest since the business was put on the market in September in-clude Villeroy & Boch of Germany, Sanitac of Finland and Keramik Laufen of Switzerland. The company said an announcement would be made in due course. The division, which includes Ceramica Dolomite, Blue Circle's Italian bathroom fittings manufacturer, employs 2,250 workers in the UK, based largely in the Midlands, and in Italy. Blue Circle shares rose 22p at 322p.

Sanctuary stronger

SANCTUARY, the media company that recently won a contract to manage the Pet Shop Boys, the pop group yesterday reported strong growth in profits from its screen and music divisions. Sanctuary reported pre-tax profits of £1.4 million for the nine months to September 30, 1998, on sales of £13 million, compared with pro forma pre-tax profits of £1.3 million and sales of £18 million during the 12 months to December 31, 1997. Earnings per share were 1.27p (1.04p). A total dividend for 1998 of 0.15p will be paid on April 30.

UNO cuts dividend

UNO, the furniture retailer, cut its interim dividend yesterday as it reported that sales have deteriorated badly in the past few weeks. In the ten weeks to January 16, underlying sales were down 29.9 per cent. In the six preceding months like-for-like sales were down 11.6 per cent. The company, which includes World of Leather, incurred an interim pre-tax loss of £1.68 million, from a £457,000 pre-tax profit at the same time last year. It is to pay an interim dividend of just 0.4p (1.85p) on a loss per share of 6.23p (1.7p earnings).

Slow start for Beale

BEALE, the department store group, reported a slow start to trading in the first quarter. Although sales over the Christmas period were in line with last year, the January sale disappointed, with sales down 3.5 per cent for the first 12 weeks to January 23. For the year ended October 31, pre-tax profit £64.7 million, up from £62.4 million. Earnings per share were 13.50p (14.55p) and the final dividend is 3.25p (3.25p). making a total for the year of 4.90p (4.75p).

Emerald seeks funds

EMERALD ENERGY, the oil company, is seeking up to £17.09 million from a placing and open offer. It needs funds to develop two wells in Colombia - Chawina 3, on the Apula block, and Gigante IA, on the Matambo block. Emerald said that it believes there is a giant field at Apula, with a 1.9 billion barrel prospect. The company will place 148 o million shares. along with an open offer of up to 168.12 million shares at 34p. and will also issue up to £6 million of convertible loan notes.

Egg cuts interest rate

EGG, the banking arm of Prudential, has cut the interest rate on its savings account by 0.75 points, to 6.5 per cent. The move was widely expected after the expiry at the end of last month of its guarantee to maintain its chart-topping 7.25 per cent. The rate was considered unsustainable when base rates have already fallen to 6 per cent. The new rate keeps Egg ahead of its main rival. Virgin Direct. on 6.25 per cent. For the savings account with cashcard, the rate falls 0.75 points to 6 per cent.

Whittard's warning

WHITTARD, the tea and coffee retailer, gave warning that current-year profits will fall below last year's. Pre-tax profits fell from £433,000 to £284,000 in the half year to November 30. Total sales rose 19 per cent, to £16.9 million. However, on a like-for-like basis, they fell in the period and have, said Whittard, stayed slightly under last year's level in the second half's first few weeks. Earnings per share were 1.1p (1.4p). The interim dividend remains 1.15p. The group has 118 UK stores.

Birchin back in black

BIRCHIN INTERNATIONAL, the conference venue operator, earned pre-tax profits of £748,000 in the year to September 30, compared with losses of £2 million in the previous 12 months. Earnings were 0.11p a share, compared with a 1.29p loss. There is again no dividend. Turnover increased to £6 million from just £938,000 previously. Colyn Gardner. the chairman, said that in the first quarter of 1999 the company was showing higher profits.

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Sun chief fears computer bug problems at suppliers FROM JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR, IN DAVOS

THE chairman of one of the largest US computer compa-nies said yesterday that customers ought to buy their computers this year because pro-duction could be disrupted next year by millennium bug

Scott McNealy, head of Sun Microsystems, gave warning that Asian suppliers of computer components are between one and three years behind in terms of dealing with the millennium bug.

Although he was the only senior computer executive to speal: so openly about his

fears, the chief executive of one of the top five US information technology groups added his voice privately to the concern about Asian companies. Brazil, another big supplier of components, is also a serious worry.

Although many leading multinational corporations deem themselves ready to neutralise the bug, they are deeply concerned about companies along their supply chains.

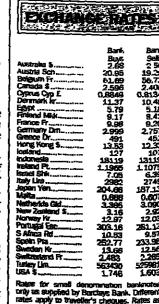
One economist, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that just-in-time manufacturing could be badly hit as supply chains fall apart. He

drew a comparison with the caused by a disruption of the

supply of oil.
The World Bank is sufficiently concerned about the lack of preparedness for the year 2000 in the developing world that it is making grants available from a fund supported by the British Government.

One World Bank official said that several developing

countries had said that they intended to "wait and see what happens in Australia and New Zealand because they will hit the millennium before us".



which was one of the leading practices in the country.

Now Coopers & Lybrand is no more — it has metamorphosed into PricewaterhouseCoopers. But with 135,000 staff to choose from can there will be a considered to the coopers.

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that dubious clients will not still

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pensive scrutiny of accountancy's equivalent of teenage scrib-blers rather than the piercing stare of those who know when the wool is being pulled over their eyes? The JDC's decision should make clients ponder whether his is always best

whether big is always best.
Although it was 1991 when Robert Maxwell left his yacht for the

last time, his shadow still lingers over many of those who did busi-ness with him. His loan to Peter

nection is also an embarrass-

or an organisation with 58 billion of turnover, a £3.5 million fine is unlikely to hit the partners' pockets. But the record punishment inflicted on Coopers & Lybrand for its role in the Maxwell affair should not be as painless as the figures might imply. the figures might imply.

The accounting firm played a crucial role in sustaining the fraudster while he duped investors and robbed pension funds. He and his shareholders paid heavily to secure the name of

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heavily to secure the name of Coopers & Lybrand at the bottom of their accounts. The signatures helped to persuade doubters that all was well in the Maxwell empire their might as well

ers that all was well in the Maxwell empire: they might as well have been written in sand.

Robert Maxwell had form: he had been branded by the Department of Trade as unfit to be a director of a public company. Even if the partners of Coopers had the generosity of spirit to believe that offenders should not be permanently consigned to the wilderness, they might have been expected to want to keep an extra close eye on how Mr Maxwell made use of his second chance.

That they chose to depute relative novices to investigate the Maxwell accounts implies either extraordinary naivety or, perhaps, a wish to avoid confrontation. Whatever it was, it did not seem to be reflected in it.

tion. Whatever it was, it did not seem to be reflected in the level of fees charged, which were suffi-cient to give investors the idea that they were paying for a top of the range service from a firm

No accounting for Maxwell



ment to Lord Donoghue, who chaired the Bishopsgate Trust as it inadvertently allowed the fraudster to shuffle assets around. The Department of Trade and industry's views on the activities of the man it tried to blacklist have still to experse his blacklist have still to emerge. Its report into the affair remains unpublished. Stephen Byers might not thrill all his colleagues by doing so but he should try to expedite the process.

A champion day for the French

ness with him. His loan to Peter Mandelson provided a neat excuse for Geoffrey Robinson to duck out of the Paymaster General's role, but questions over the multi-millionaire's involvement with Maxwell were beginning to get embarrassing.

The feisty Helen Liddell, now out of the Treasury and up in Scotland, also worked closely with the man who punched a £400 million hole in the group's pension funds. The Maxwell connection is also an embarrasshat a grand day for the French. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Finance Minister, hailed "the building of a strong and dynamic French inancial sector at the heart of the euro". Even President Chirac joined in the great national day.

Messrs Blair, Brown and
Byers should take note. France's
day of joy was occasioned by two

takeover bids. Société Générale. one of the big three retail banks, created France's first worldclass, or even EU-scale, competitor by merging with Paribas, the top business bank. A previous at-tempt, via the state-owned Credit

tempt, via the state-owned Credit Lyonnais, did not quite come off. AXA, France's national cham-pion in insurance and Paribas's biggest shareholder, helped to be-get that deal. It may well have en-couraged Soc Gen to drop its law-suit against the latest rescue of Lyonnais. That opens the way for SG Paribas, like AXA and Alli-anz, its other top shareholder, to become a core investor in the pri-vatised Lyonnais, and decide its vatised Lyonnais, and decice its future too.

In France, there is no nonsense about Chinese walls, no pretence that government leaves such important things to the markets. There is also a clear understand-ing that, as M Strauss-Kahn puts it: "Our country must be able to count on companies which have the means necessary

to develop on a national, Europe-

an and world scale". On the same day, AXA under-lined the point and built up its own European credentials by persuading GRE to eschew a UK deal and be broken up. AXA should thereby become the third-biggest UK composite insurer, top dog in Ireland and much stronger in Germany.

Did the UK Government play

a part in the fate of GRE? Does it

have regular meetings with "core" shareholders to work out how to build world-scale UK banks and insurance groups? That the question sounds postively bizarre indicates the answer. France does not always win trance does not always win the cartel approach to European integration, partly because it in-sists on being senior partner. British Aerospace's merger with Marconi and the Anglo-German stock exchange deal left Paris screaming foul, but rightly refus-ing to give up. Having home-based global companies is good

for jobs, wealth, and influence in Europe.

Apart from HSBC. Britain is in danger of ending up with com-petitive markets but no British global bank, let alone a worldscale insurer. Someone should start thinking who is to take over Royal & SunAlliance for a start.

Incumbent with a tricky task

ven when he is not wearing the full regalia that goes with being Lord May-cr of London, Lord Levene of Portsoken is a formidable figure. If the new authority for London were already in being, then whether it were headed by Ken Livingstone, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare or any other of the candidates to have emerged. then it is hard to escape the suspicion that London's most influen-

tial figure might still be the in-cumbent of the Mansion House. Having moved easily between Whitehall and the City, saving the Canary Wharf project en route, Lord Levene is more than a match for mere politicians. But he could find all his talents as a fixer called into play as oppo-

n its try to block the City's efts at gently reforming itself. Widening the franchise, as the ity is proposing to do, is radical from the point of view of those who still cherish the right to lead sheep into the Square Mile. But the proposed in the square still the state of the same still the sam the proposals for increasing the business vote do not go far enough to satisfy all those who want to see change in the running of the Corporation. It may be a highly effective local author: ty, benefiting from being run without taint of party politics; it may distribute charity on a lavish scale to deserving causes but

it is still seen by some as an anachronism. Lord Levene may face the tricky task of persuading those who are enthusiastically doing

away with hereditary peers that

London needs two mayors.

Duty bound

WHILE publicly BAA is looking towards a future without the berefit of duty-free sales, the company seems increasingly confident that its source of £77 million prof-it is sale for a while longer. BAA is ready to replace most of it with a levy on air travellers but Brus-sels' inability to come up with a viable regime to replace the current duty-free system is stalling change. With the July deadline looming, Brussels must soon announce a postponement — or face that favourite summer headling believe believe

ECC poised to join the Imetal fold

By PAUL ARMSTRONG

ENGLISH China Clays (ECC), the supplier of paper whitener, is poised to fall into the hands of a rival, Imetal, after the French conglomerate announced yesterday that it would lift its takeover offer by \$\frac{1}{2}\$ william.

Analysts said that, in the absence of a higher counterbid, institutional shareholders would almost certainly adopt the recommendation of ECC directors to accept Imetal's revised £756 million offer. Imetal's fresh bid is worth

250p a share. ECC shares were trading at 160p shortly before Imetal unveiled its initial offer of 225p on January ECC shares fell lp to 24lp.
 Dennis Rediker, ECC chief executive, yesterday said that the increased bid was fair, though some major sharehold-ers had told him that they

value that the City placed on businesses such as ECC. ECC's core business is pro-viding kaolin-based whitener to the paper industry. It also

were dismayed at the low

manufactures water treatment products.

Imetal, listed on the Paris stock exchange, also supplies kaolin products, and has interests in metal processing and building materials. Patrick Kron, Imetal's chief

executive, said that his company had no kaolin operations in Europe, meaning that there would be no job losses at ECC's Cornwall plant arising from production overlap. However, he gave warning that the Cornwall operations needed to be competitive, though it was too early to say whether a search for improved productiv-ity would lead to staff cuts. Mr Rediker said that Imetal

had asked him to remain with the company, though a formal offer would not be made until the bid was unconditional. Both companies have kaolin

operations in America, raising anti-trust issues requiring Imetal to win US regulatory

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Bankers chief to be paid \$55m

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

FRANK NEWMAN, executive chairman of Bankers Trust, will be paid at least \$55 million (£33 million) over the next five years to merge the operations of the US bank with Deutsche Bank after their \$10 billion merger.

Mr Newman, a former US government official, is receiving extra compensation for taking a downgraded role as a member of Deutsche's board. As head of one of the top US banks, he was paid \$16 million for the years 1995 to 1997. In 1998 Bankers Trust recorded a \$6 million loss after a \$488 million hit from market turmoil.

Mr Newman, although almost pushed out after that debacle, has now negotiated a contract with Deutsche Bank guaranteeing him a salary of \$900,000 a year and a \$10.1 million bonus. It is thought to make him the best-paid executive in Deutsche.

INCHCAPE, the international

trading company, is poised to

return up to £150 million to

shareholders after selling its

Coca-Cola bottling operations in

Latin America for £457 million.

The company is also under-

stood to be within weeks of

selling its shipping interests

It is selling all its fizzy

drinks bottling assets to Arica.

a smaller local rival, partowned by Coca-Cola. The deal

is dependent on Arica raising almost three times its £160 mil-

lion market value through a

for about £100 million.

British Land buys again

BRITISH LAND, the property group, has tightened its hold over the Broadgate office development in the City of London with the £203 million acquisition of 155

The 410,000 sq ft property, known as Bishopsgate Ex-change, was bought from a consortium led by Prudential of America. British Land, which already owned the 16.6 per cent ground rent interest in the building, has the virtual freehold of the site (a 990-year lease at peppercorn

rent).
The tenants include Baring Investment Services, Sumi tomo Trust and Barclays Bank, with most leases expiring in 2019. The initial rental income is £17.2 million a year. The purchase, funded from existing resources, takes British Land's ownership to 13 of the 15 Broadgate estate properties.

rights issue on the Chilean

stock market and raising debt

Philip Cushing, chief execu-

tive, said the disposal was the

largest step in its transforma-

tion to becoming a dedicated

There had been fears that the

Latin American financial crisis

could take up to £200 million off

Inchcape's asking price. The

City is expecting a special divi-dend of about 23p per share.

rather than a share buyback.

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Inchcape set to

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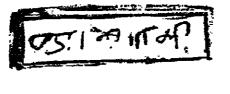
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Pilkington in the fr as buyers seek barg

IT WAS bargain basement time in the Square Mile as the buyers again came in for the companies that look vulnerable to a bid, or simply cheap. Leading the way higher was Pilkington. Britain's biggest glassmaker, with a rise of 5p to 641:p. It was the heaviest traded stock among the second-liners with almost 27 million shares, or 2.5 per cent of the company, changing hands. Pilkington was menchanging tioned on these pages just a couple of weeks back when the

price stood at 53p. The speculators claim it looks vulnerable to a bid from rivals such as St Gobain, the French company. Others say the shares just look cheap, having tumbled from a peak of 148p last year.

Dealers reported heavy turnover in another takeover favourite, BICC, 5p dearer at 631-p, on turnover of 10.76 million shares. The cables and construction group, which includes Balfour Beatty, slumped to a new low of 38p in November, leading to claims about a break-up bid.

Weir Group stood out with a rise of 251/p to 232p on talk of a bid of 300p emerging soon. Speculative buying continued to drive Laird Group high-

er with the price finishing 22p dearer at 2191/2p. Others to attract attention because they look cheap or vulnerable include Senior Engineering, Sp better at 129 :p. and Johnson Matthey, 231:p higher at 442p. Share prices generally got

fuelled by a fresh round of corporate activity in the banking and insurance sector and mounting hopes of another cut in interest rates this week. The FTSE 100 index closed

below its best of the day as Wall Street struggled to extend Friday's gains in opening trading last night. But it still sported a rise of 116.4 at 6,012.4 with a total of 1.2 billion shares changing hands. The FISE 250 index rose 97.6 at 5,121.8.

The telecom sector remained busy on hopes of further consolidation. There were gains for COLT Telecom. £13.41%, British Telecom. 38%p to 969p, Energis, 60p to El6.90, Orange, 39p to 934!:p. and Fibernet, 1712p to 470p.

Guardian Royal Exchange, whose chairman is Lord Hambro, retreated 6/20 to 3610 as the prospect of an all-out auction of the company began to recede. AXA, the French insurer, has al-

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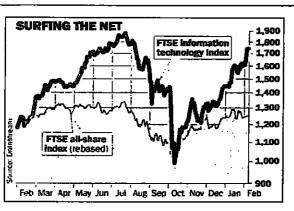


Lord Hambro, left, and Lord Douro, Sun Life & Provincial chairman, saw GRE dip as prospects of an auction faded

ready made an agreed £3.4 bil-lion offer for GRE via Sun Life & Provincial Holdings, the UK insurance group that is 71 per cent owned by AXA, and it now seems unlikely that rival Royal & SunAlliance, up 214p at 4834p, will join the fray. There has also been talk of a consortium of European insurers putting together an offer, but it has, so far, failed to materialise.

The banks were bolstered by news of the merger between Société Générale and Paribas and the prospect of further falls in interest rates. But the best levels were not held. Bardays rose 31p to £13.91, Alliance & Leicester 23p to 778p, NatWest Bank 39p to £11.55 and Standard Chartered 31p to 869p.

EMI Group touched 410p before closing ip easier at 3894p



ALAN GREENSPAN'S attempts at bursting the Internet bubble appear to have met with only limited success. The ratings enjoyed by information technology companies in the US remain high and continue to spill over into Europe.

Sutherlands, the broker, confirms that the rerating of the US companies is continuing to drive sentiment

for the sector in London. Interest in the IT stocks is likely to remain high with the industry about to em-bark on its reporting season. This reporting season will be crucial to the overall outcome. The picture is also likely to be enhanced by analysts' visits to Sema. up 62p to 743p, and Misys, 221 p dearer at 6611 p, to see its US acquisition Medic.

Positive performances were also inspired by the bid approaches for Delphi, 110p better at 485p and Tetra, 56p to 2434p.

There were gains for Admiral, 105p to £13.82½. Logica, 43½p to 666p. ECSoft, 62!4p to £21.071/2 and MSB International, 29p to 26314p.

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changed at 158p. International gy Trust was up another Ip to 43%p amid signs that it is close to resolving the impasse over its proposed merger with Biotechnology Investments, the other fund advised by the Rothschild Bioscience Unit. Shares in IBT have climbed steeply since last Wednesday when more than 13 million changed hands. The merger discussions have dragged on since June because of wrangling. At one stage, BIL proposed replacing Rothschild as its adviser. One suggestion is that the RBU's Jeremy Curnock Cook may seek to take over the

management of IBT. Channel Holdings held steady at 5%p as Nicholas Jeffrey, a director, picked up 250,000 shares at 4p. Fresh stakebuilding hoisted

JBA Holdings 23½p to 117½p. Specialist Computer Holdings has acquired 250,000 shares, taking its total holding to 1.1 million, or almost 3 per cent. JBA has plunged from a peak of £12.57½ during the past year. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Bond prices kicked off the week on a positive note with most investors pinning their hopes on another cut in interest rates when the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee meets tomorrow. Sentiment was bolstered by

the latest fall, in the purchasing managers' index which should provide the MPC with further scope to signal another cut in rates. In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt rose 17p to £120.06, while among conventional issues

19p cheaper at £138.

☐ NEW YORK: Shares held onto early gains in late morning trade after the release of strong economic data. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 10.04 at 9,368.87.

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EEMPUS Make hay as Sun dips THE sale of Guardian Royal Exchange to Sun Life & Provincial is neat. In keeping the whole lot together shareholders in GRE — a dis-

tressed and odd-shaped animal — were saved the risk that a break-up designed to maximise value might actually turn into a messy, valuedestroying, fire sale. But Sun Life's close rela-tionship with AXA of France gave it the oppor-tunity to find buyers for the unwanted ex-UK businesses with relative ease. Good for GRE, maybe. But the 9 per cent

fall in Sun Life's share price suggests it is less blessed. Indeed, the acquisition will bring £1.3 billion worth of new shares into being, expand-ing the share capital by 22 per cent and dilut-ing value going forward. There are also market concerns that Sun Life is paying too much for GRE, at 389p a share. Moreover, Sun Life accompanied news of the GRE deal with a

profit forecast that disappointed some of the more bullish observers.

All the concerns are legitimate, but GRE was too good an opportunity for Sun Life to miss. Critical mass is vital, and GRE propels Sun Life to the number three slot in composite insurance in this country behind Royal & Sun-Alliance and CGU. It also consolidates Sun Life as Britain's third largest life insurer. Good cost savings should flow from the deal, too.
The expansion of the number of shares in is-

sue may cause a short-term pause in share price growth, but the associated dilution of AXA's holding in Sun Life from 72 per cent to 56 per cent will bring a welcome easing of what has been a tight market for the shares. Although Sun Life is itself still impervious

to a bid yesterday's tumble in the share price is a buying opportunity. Accumulate.

like Hillsdown Holdings

break-up which singularly

failed to create any value at

all. There is no escape, it

would seem, from commodi-

tised, price-sensitive, markets.

Inchcape's debt puts it in the position of offering share-

holders the buyback carrot.

But do not expect the glow

Inchcape ·

PHILIP CUSHING, chief executive of Inchcape, is prov-ing himself an able auctioneer. The £467 million fetched for the Latin American disposals confirmed yesterday represents the equivalent of more than half inchcape's stock market value. Not bad for a division that produced 6 per cent of the profits and which is operating against unenvi-able economic pressures, in the unenviably tough indus-

try of bottling soft drinks. But the sale, the largest piece of a restructuring set in train last March, raises awkward questions for Mr Cushing and his chairman, Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge. The restructuring was de-signed to enhance shareholder value - value that remains obstinately absent.

Last March Inchcape shares were trading at 220p

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Serco

SERCO'S shares have recovered their poise since Octo-ber, when they briefly fell below £3 after a spate of selling by directors. Suggestions of trading problems had proved unfounded even before the facilities management company wowed the market with news of an impressive linkup with Nomura International. Yesterday the shares pow-

ered on 90p to 1317½p. Nomura is backing a £1 billion fund to acquire public as-sets such as the National Air Traffic Control System and London Underground. These assets will then be managed by Serco.

The relationship plays to the partners' strengths. Guy Hands and ed off a series of ile deals as the Japahas used its clout among other things illiam Hill betting Radio Rentals. For

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its part, Serco has quintupled in value over the past four years, a prime beneficiary of the trend towards outsourcing exactly like that envisaged by the Government and its Private Finace Initiative. Serco already runs London's Docklands Light Railway and the UK's four-minute nu-

but even after yesterday's

near 10 per cent rise the stock

is still shy of 150p - half the

level of two years ago and a quarter of what the shares

adversely affected by market

and economic tremors. But

were worth in early 1995.

Admittedly

This is a promising move by Serco, a company with solid long-term prospects. However, on almost 40 times' estimates of this year's earnings, the rating looks perilously high. Only hold.

clear attack warning system.

DOES 11 per cent constitute a wide margin'? Dennis Rediker, the chief executive of English China Clays, clearly thinks it does.

Imetal improved its offer for ECC yesterday by 25p (or won a recommendation from Mr Rediker and the board of this embattled company. Yet two weeks ago Mr Rediker rejected imetal's advances, accusing it of undervaluing ECC by "a wide margin".

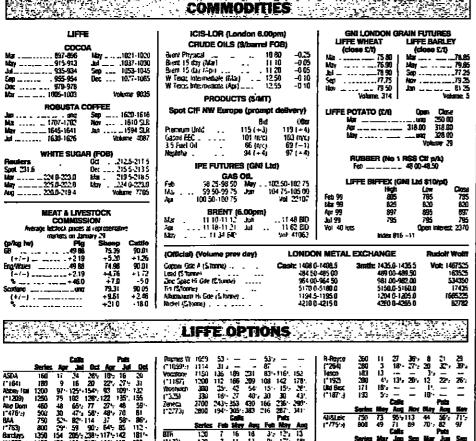
The rejection of the first approach always looked like brinkmanship and given the tremendously tricky environment occupied by ECC the strategy could have gone horribly wrong. Had Imetal stomped off in a fit of Gallic pique at Mr Rediker's luckpushing exercise there were no obvious bid rivals riding

to the rescue.
The raised 250p a share cash bid is equivalent to 12 times estimated earnings per share for 1998. That is hardly generous but given the appalling and entrenched difficulties facing ECC it is fair, especially as the 1998 earnings estimate is lower than the actual figure for 1997. Perhaps an Il per cent uplift does close a

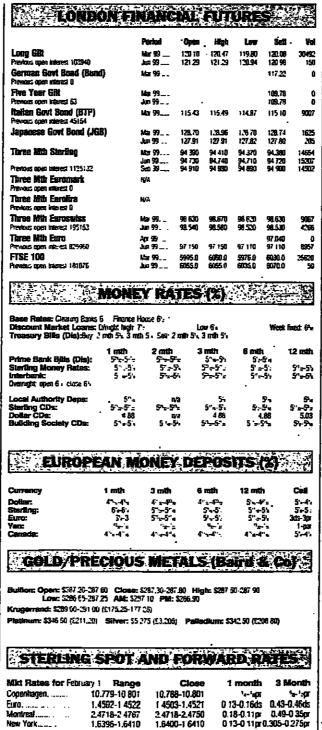
wide" margin. Barring the miracle appearance of a second buyer, take Imetal's money and run.

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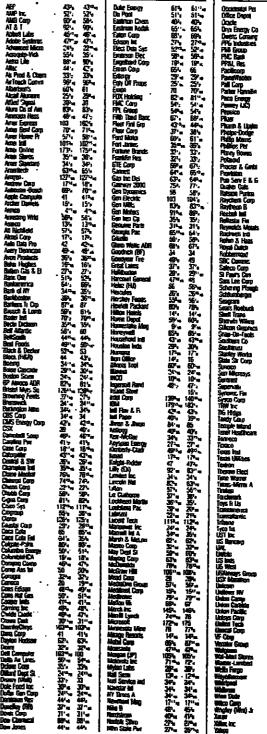
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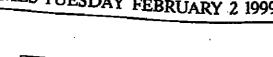
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pete most directly with American producers, would be to

shatter consumer and business

confidence and to plunge the

economy back into recession.

This recession would, in turn,

reduce Europe's demand for

imports and increase the trade

surplus, giving the euro a fur-

ther push up. The result could

be a vicious circle of trade sur-

pluses and currency apprecia-

tion similar to the one that has

helped to destroy the Japanese

acting to stabilise the dollar by

raising interest rates. Mr

Rubin went out of his way to

emphasise at Davos that talk

about America joining a sys-

tem of managed exchange rates

or target zones was nothing but

hot air. The Americans believe,

quite simply, that they should

run monetary policy to maxim-

ise the non-inflationary growth

of the US economy. Whether

that will mean a strong dollar,

a weak dollar or a steady dollar

sued in Japan and Europe. The

US authorities recongise their

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But Europe and Japan are reck-

oned to be strong enough to be

able to deal with their own

problems - and, if necessary,

to suffer the consequences of

their own economic mistakes.

This leaves a third way of

narrowing the US deficit that

would be more effective and be-

nign: a powerful expansion of

domestic demand in Europe,

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measures in Japan and the rest

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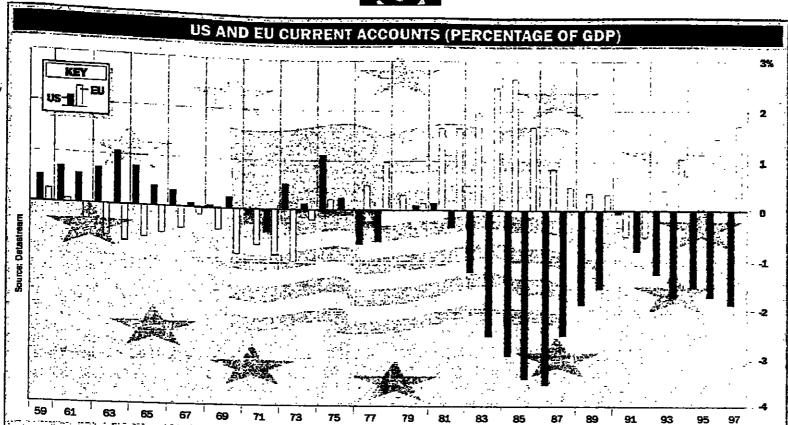
would this help to reduce the

US trade imbalance, it would

also allow the Fed to tighten

The US would not dream of

economy since 1994.



Europe must play its part in stimulating global demand

gathered weekend their annual jamboree in Davos, two big questions were on everybody's mind. On the surface, much of the discussion was about developing countries and financial markets.

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Could anything be done to pre-vent, or at least to control, the wild fluctuations of financial markets and thereby to minimise the damage done by global finance to the real economy of production, investment and employment, especially in the developing world? In reality, however, the greater concern, if only for selfish reasons, was about the outlook for the industrialised world. Would 1999 be a year of recovery from last. summer's financial shocks or would the growing imbalances in US trade soon threaten even greater upheavals - perhaps even every policymaker's worst nightmare, a serious protectionist balcklash in America as the campaigning for next year's presidential election moves

Both of these issues were addressed in the major economic events that set the agenda for the numerous panel discus-sions between finance ministers and central bank governors from America, Britain and Europe and the three setpiece speeches by Robert Rubin, the US Treasury Secretary, by Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General and by Al Gore, the US Vice-President.

Cutting through the highflown rhetoric, the consensus answer on what could be done about the swings of financial markets was "not very much". Mr Rubin laid down a marker against any ambitious plans for redesigning the global financial archictecture, arguing that many of the radical measures for global regulation proposed in the aftermath of last year's Russian panic would do more harm than good. Since I broadly agree with this view, I reduce the surpluses of Eur-

The US trade deficit means that the rest of the world has an equal surplus. The EU and Japan should take measures of their own to reduce the imbalance

do not have much to add on development and financial markets. By contrast, on the question about America's economic imbalances and the broader international outlook, I found the conventional wisdom at Davos seriously flawed.

Most policymakers in Eurone and Japan think that the root causes of the US trade imbalance lie in the anti-social behaviour of American people. Americans spend too much money, they don't try hard enough to export, they speculate in the stock market. But taking a closer look at world economic conditions, these views seem completely back to front The main problems in the world economy are not caused by imbalances in America but in Europe and Japan.

The US trade deficit cannot be blamed on America's lack of competitiveness, since US exports have grown faster than Germany's and much faster than Japan's in 11 out of

Neither is an overvalued dollar the problem, since US production costs are roughly 40 per cent lower than in Germany and 15 per cent lower than in Japan and France. The real cause of the US trade deficit lies in the divergence in macroeconomic performance — America is enjoying its fifth con-secutive year of rapid growth and full employment, while European employment is still at depression levels and Japan is suffering a generalised eco-

nomic collapse. The US trade deficit is, by definition, matched by an equal trade surplus in the rest of the world.

Instead of asking what can be done to reduce the US deficit, therefore, the world should be asking what can be done to one and Japan. In the past, Japan's trade imbalances have received a lot of attention, but to judge by discussions in Davos, attention may soon switch to Europe's role in aggravating the global imbalance of

trade - and not before time.

One reason why attention is moving to Europe is simply pragmatic. Japan has shown itself incapable of running a rational economic policy and its domestic politics is completely paralysed. The world will simply have to put up with further vast Japanese trade surpluses and Japan will simply have to suffer the gradual destruction of its industries by the strong yen. Europe, by contrast, is still capable of changing its domestic policies and is under great domestic political pressure to stimulate growth and reduce unemployment. Politically. therefore, a stronger domestic economy is not a lost cause in Europe as it is in Japan.

the world economy in 1999 is how Europe's surpluses will be reduced. There are essentially two ways this could happen. The first would be extremely damaging to the world economy - especially to Europe. The

second would be very benign.

The first possibility would be a sharp depreciation of the dollar against the euro. To have much effect on the trade imbalances, the dollar's depreciation would have to be quite severe, since the initial effect of a weak dollar would be to boost US employment and investment (and therefore America's appetite for imports). But a sharp depreciation of the dollar against the euro would crush employment and investment in Europe. The effect, especially in Germany,

where export industries com-

monetary policy and perhaps create the conditions for an orderly correction of the equity bull market and for a gradual increase in the US savings rate.

Obviously rebalancing the world economy through demand growth in Europe would be beneficial for all. But the mere fact that something is desirable does not make it likely to happen. Sooner or later the European Central Bank will be forced to adopt a policy of aggressively expanding domestic demand, simply because the alternative for restoring balance to the world economy — a sharp depreciation of the dollar -would be so damaging to Europe. But will the ECB's Damascene conversion to expansiontoo late? That is to my mind the

biggest danger to the global eco-nomic outlook for 1999. or now, the instinct of the ECB is to follow the Bundesbank "steady hand" tradition, which means doing too little, too late. Anyone who doubts this should have observed the complacency of the European officials represented at Davos. The one striking exception was Heiner Flassian Finance Secretary, who was largely responsible for last year's successful campaign by the German Finance Ministry to squeeze an interest rate reduction out of the ECB. I had a chance to observe the body language of Wim Duisenberg, the ECB President, when he hapnened to be seated next to Herr Flassbeck at one of the Davos lunches. As far as I could see, the two men did not say a word to each other or even exchange a glance. Mr Duisenberg still seems deeply offended by the German Government's demand for low interest rates and a softer euro last year. It will not be easy for Mr Duisenberg to swallow his pride and accept that the German demands were right. In the end, though,

reason will surely prevail over

fashionable route to selling vehicles A few years ago you

hat is happening to car marketing? knew where you were with the motor trade. The adverts inevitably showed some hotshot bloke zooming down an empty road - usually in the north of Scotland or Cumbria — either on his own or with an attractive and attentive female by his side. There was a voiceover about how many cylinders the car had in its camshaft.

At the car showroom, some aggressive middle manager would pepper you with questions about what extras you needed, inevitably bumping up the original price by 20 per cent or so. You drove the car out of the showroom and its value dropped by a couple of thousand pounds before you were at the end of the street. But it is all evolving rather quickly. In the last year we've seen adverts for Audi attacking golf clubs — a dangerous ploy not only because lots of golfers drive Audis but also be-cause its sister company, Volkswagen, makes the Golf as well as adverts for the aforementioned Golf featur-ing a Tai Chi class and Rover running a design campaign for its Minis asking aspiring artists and celebrities, such as

new colour scheme.

To cap it all we have had a strange series of adverts for the Rover 400 - a reps car to match the Ford Mondeo which have shown girls with pearl ear-rings in their belly buttons and tattoos on their arms up to all sorts of trendy activities. This series has recently been tinkered with, changing the soundtrack to leature even more fashionable songs by The Buzzcocks and Elvis Presley. How this appeals to the fleet car buyer. I

Kate Moss, to come up with a

Today this process moves on a step when Honda launches its new car — the HR-V — at the London Men's Fashion Week. This is a four-wheel drive coupe which is meant to be a city car (a more oxymoronic concept would be hard to find, even in the motor industry, but I suppose it is aimed at those irritating people who drive Cherokee Jeeps in

Hampstead). Honda is the lead sponsor for Fashion Week, which is largely based at the Royal Horticultural Hall, just behind Victoria Station and features such famous designers as Paul Smith. Patrick Cox. John Rocha and Red or Dead. The HR-Vs are to be used to ferry designers, buyers and press to from the Horticultural halls. The idea is to tag onto one of the fastest-growing areas of the retail trade - men's fashion, which is worth £3 billion a year and is estimated by the industry to be growing at 25 per cent a year. Honda reckons that the guys who buy £400 suits and £20 on sensitive shaving foam will be the much sought after "early adopters" who will start the trend for buying 4x4 city coupés.

In addition, Honda is using this sponsorship as a peg for the launch of the car to dealers. According to Martin Saunders. marketing director of Honda UK. the Japanese carmaker wants the dealers to have a radical rethink about who they are selling to and how they are sell-ing the car. "We have different types of customers these days,"



Carmaker takes a

ing cars for themselves; the company car is becoming less prevalent. We have to be different in the types of cars we offer and have to be different in the way we approach the marketplace." The dealer launch is actually

to take place at the Sports Café in London's Haymarket, not because Honda also wants to try to attack the lad's market at the same time, but because it is

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one of the few venues that has enough TV screens to simultaneously show all the different marketing videos Honda has dreamı up. Saunders says he wants to persuade dealers to rethink their "in showroom" marketing to take account of the different approach Honda

is taking to the HR-V.
Of course there is no certainty that the car will catch the imagination of trendy early adopters, who are more likely to take taxis or drive old MGBs. However Saunders thinks Honda has a much better chance if it starts being trendy when the car is launched, rather than asthat is clearly not fashionable, like the Rover 400.

☐ HERE'S an idea. Imagine if Birmingham was renamed Cadburyville or Manchester was called Boddingtons or Newcastle replaced "upon Tyne" with Brown Ale. Far fetched? Well not if you come from the town of Granville in North Dakota which has been renamed McGillicuddy City in honour of a minty tasting alcoholic beverage called Dr McGillicuddy's Schnapps.

The name change is the result of a competition held by Sazerac, the New Orleans-based company that distributes Dr McGillicuddy's. A couple of years ago Sazerac's - now, alas, late - president Peter Bordeaux "just sort of blurred out" the idea of finding a town that was willing to be renamed McKillicuddy as a promotional ploy. Sazerac ran a competition offering \$100,000 (£60,000) to any place that would agree to giving up its identity

The company received six offers, though one was a "new community" in California. Having sized up all the options, it chose Granville, a town of 270 inhabitants named after Granville Dodge, a railroad engineer. The actual cost to Sazerac was about \$120,000, with administration expenses, but the company and town are pleased about the amount of publicity the change has generated. There is only one problem. McGillicuddy City only has two bars, and neither serve Dr McGillicuddy's Schnapps.



Sponsorship drive: Honda will use fashion to launch its HR-V

on quality...

...as well as quantity.

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Electoral pact

PLANS to reform the electoral system in the City by giving votes to businesses there could be doomed. The House of Commons gives the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill a second hearing today, and I hear at least one Labour MP will stand up and oppose it. This would prevent the Bill from

going to the committee stage, and if opposition continues until the summer recess, it will fall. The franchise reform proposed by the Corporation of London has always worried some



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Labour Party members. The current "rotten boroughs" system is manifestly unfair, but the plans merely hand power over to faceless corporations or their agents, goes the argument, and reduce the percentage of the vote held by residents.

The City branch of the Labour Party has put in a petition opposing the Bill, as has long-time critic Malcolm Matson. Chris Haines, chair of the branch, says he has found several local MPs who have promised to oppose the legislation. "If somebody blocks it now, then they will continue to do so."

A CITY expert on litigation and employment law rings to point out that Glenn Hoddle, however silly his comments were, is probably unsackable, at least not without a large payment

for unfair dismissal. Lawyers are increasingly basing such cases on the European Convention on Human Rights. Article 9 of this explicitly permits freedom of thought, conscience - and religion.

French tarce

THIS happens so often that one should really not be surprised. Last month the Prench made a hostile offer for English China Clays and ac-



cused ECC management of signifi-cant strategic errors and missed opportunities. This side of the Channel there was much hand-wringing about prospects for Cornish jobs if

the French got their way. Yesterday enough cash hit the table for an agreed deal. So ECC reassured us that the French would "protect and recognise any employee agreements that are in place," a legal requirement, but never mind.

And the bidder said it would "welcome ECC management in the enlarged group". Patrick Kron, chief executive, insisted: "We have not criticised ECC management."

Grey area

1 HEAR that City Index, the spread betting operation that will give you

odds on even the most arcane financial instruments, has decided to duck out of making a "grey market" in the William Hill flotation.

personal pique.

Any float of this size, and with such a high public profile, would have the firm offering punters the chance to bet on how the shares perform once dealing starts. This was at first the plan, but wiser counsel prevailed.

William Hill is a clear rival. and a grey market could bring accusations of favouritism. "We wouldn't want to leave ourselves open to potential ridicule," admits Neil Murphy there.

SOME very odd results from a quarterly survey by AQ Newsletter, which tracks how closely profit forecasts from analysts match the actual re-sults. Winner is Credit Lyonnais, and small houses such as Charterhouse Tilney and Albert E Sharp easily outperform the likes of BT Alex Brown, Goldman Sachs and CSFB.

But the survey has found a widespread deterioration in the accuracy of analysts as economic conditions have become more volatile. Worrying, with the seemingly unstoppable rise of the tracker funds.

Swiss role

EVEN Nobel Prize winners have difficulty with Switzerland's notorious immigration laws. Amartya Sen, the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and last year's Economics laureate, was invited to the World Economic Forum in Davos as a muchhonoured speaker. Unfortunately, no one told him that as an Indian citizen he needed a visa.

He found himself at Zurich airport for an hour and a half being grilled by immigration officers. At one point one Swiss officer, with all the charm the breed is known for, said: "You ought to be able to answer these questions. You're clever enough to have won a Nobel Prize."
Professor Sen told this story at a

Davos luncheon. Also there was Ruth Dreifuss, Switzerland's first woman President. She at least had the decency to look embarrassed.

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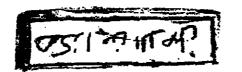


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Easy

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INTRODUCED as the happi-est man in jazz, the Ohio-born reedsman ken Peplow-ski lived up to his billing.

Counting off an easygoing, unruffled tempo for his opener. Kay Swift's Can't We Be Friends, he immediately dem-onstrated why such adjectives

as "imperturbable" and "easy-

going are applied to his play-ing. Possessed of a light, un-

forced tenor tone, he is able to

imbue everything he plays

with the infectious buoyancy

characteristic of the swing

masters he so clearly admires.

section — guitarist Dave Cliff, bassist Malcolm Creese, drum-

mer Martin Drew -Peplowski moved up a gear

for a warm warble through I

Hear a Rhapsody, then con-

IAZZ

Ken Peplowski

Peza Express, W19

cluded the set's tenor section with a samba, a gently benevo-

lent rhythm perfectly suited to his pleasantly breathy, tran-

If so much emphasis on good nature and general benef-

icence gives the impression

that the band was simply coast-

ing, however, nothing could

be further from the truth.

Drew, in particular, is a mas-

ter at injecting zip and pep into superficially serene rhythms, not only through his whip-

smart snare drum fills, but

also through the subtle varia-

tions in his hi-hat sound. For

Rodgers and Hart's Blue

Room. Drew released his

snare, thus imparting even

more bounce into a number

whose jauntiness exhibited the

leader's astonishing dexterity

on an instrument that appears

to be undergoing something of

frontline interaction with two Mark Nightingale and fellow reedsman Tony Coe - that lin-

gered in the memory. On the former's MrBG, phrases were traded with an inventive fluen-

cy belying the informality of

the occasion. I Should Care pit-

ted Peplowski's sweet agility

tellingly against the tarter co-

clarinet sound, while their ten-

or/soprano visit to Autumn

Leaves seduced Drew into

some delicious phrase trading

with both men.

a jazz revival.

quil approach.

Backed by a local rhythm

A cult hero's royal ascent

is the latest pseudonym employed by Louisville. Ken-tucky's Will Oldham, the cult figure behind the Palace. Whether appearing under the names Palace Brothers, Palace Songs. Palace Music or just plain old Palace. Oldham has been responsible for some of the most distinctive and emotionally charged music of the 1990s. Moving fluidly between folk, country, gospel and blues, it defies any attempt at easy categorisation. Oldham's lyrics generally use a heightened poetic language, often reminiscent of the Psalms, and his specialist subjects appear to be sex, death and horses.

And why not? Oldham has built up a mod-

Bonnie -"Prince" Billy Whelen's, Dublin

ing with each release, without ever threatening to break through to the mainstream the shaky voice, lo-fi produc-tion and penchant for writing songs about horses put paid to that. But then world domination has never been part of his agenda. If anything, Old-ham's relative lack of ambition serves him and his fans well: he gets to play idyllic little venues such as Whelan's and we get to see the whites of his eyes, when they are not shut tight with concentration.

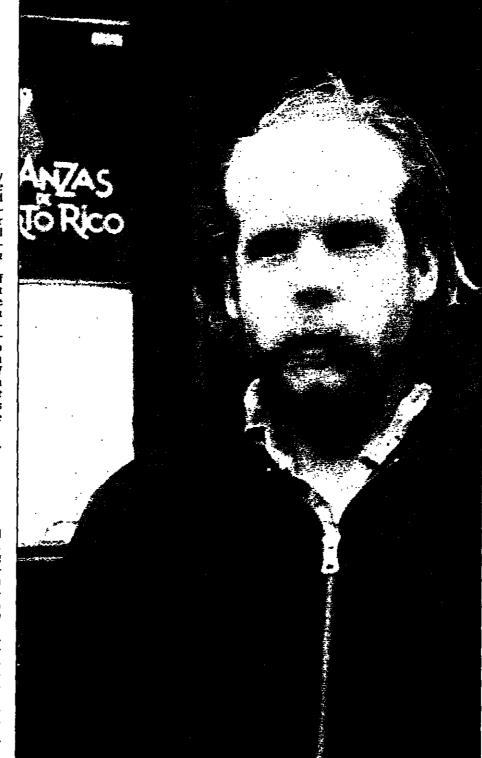
Adminedly, some of Whe-lan's traditional ambience was lost with the removal of the tables and chairs normally stationed in front of the stage (the sure sign of a self-out show) but this did not stop the Prince effecting an almost Rasputinlike hold over the audience with his opening brace of

You will do well to hear a more poignant, heartfelt love song this year than I See a Darkness, the title track of the new album, and better still to hear it sung as sensitively as this. Oldham's impossibly fragile voice a-quiver with emotion. The complex allegorical ballad. Black, followed on its heels, showcasing Oldham the master craftsman. Soon he was joined by a three-piece band that fleshed

out the songs in a pleasingly unshowy fashion, adding the odd harmony vocal here and there (A Minor Place, for example) and the odd lead guitar break. (The wah-wah pedal even came out for the ex-quisitely titled Today I Was an Evil One.) For a period in the middle of

the set, one sensed a slight slackening of purpose where the performance became a mite too casual. But the lascivious crowd-pleaser, The Mountain. brought things back to the boil. During the encore a solo rendition of the quirky I Am a Cinematographer and a muscular reading of O Let It Be left a strong afterglow as the faithful filed out into the dank Dublin night.

NICK KELLY



High drama in a low key from Will Oldham — Bonnie "Prince" Billy for his latest tour

Quick, claim her for ourselves

fter several years in which Americans such as Sheryl Crow and Alanis Morissette have dominated the female singer-songwriter field, we are now witnessing the British babe wave. This year should see Beth Orton become an international star, establish Eliza Carthy not just as a folk traditionalist but a bold and original writer of her own compositions, and launch the career of Liz Horsman, an Ipswich-born version of Natalie Imbruglia with more talent and bet-

Where this geographical shift leaves Heather Nova seems to be causing some confusion. Both The Guardian and The Independent called her a "UK songstress', while Q magazine described her as an "angsty American". In fact, she is neither. She comes from Bermuda, which she calls the least rock'n'roll place in the have got something right. Nova does all had a more sinister edge, a tale of mis-

Heather Neva University of Surrey, Guildford

the things female singer-songwriters are meant to do as well as the best of them, but she also rocks with a rare passion.

She gave notice of her intent by kicking off with I'm the Girl, which namechecked such prototype feminist icons as Medusa and Joan of Arc. Half of her band is female, too, with Nadia Landman's cello adding intriguing textures to the guitar.

drums and bass line-up. But there is a lot more to Nova than merely a more grown-up version of girl power. London Rain was blessed with a massive, jangling pop hook and the joyous line "When somebody needs you, well

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trust and betrayal which showcased Nova's high and pure but emotive voice. Island was similarly serious - a song about domestic abuse - but then, after almost an hour, she took the mood down with an acoustic slot featuring just her guitar and Landman's evocative cello in which the affecting love song Doubled Up was outstanding.

Back with the band she kept the best almost until last with the new single Heart and Shoulder, which has one of those insidious radio-friendly melodies which buries itself deep inside your brain. It deserves to be a huge hit.

You can use other female singer-songwriters as reference points but, when reviewing last year's splendid Siren album, every critic came up with a different set of names. Heather Nova, though, is entirely her own woman.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

Beware - speed kills

just too little attention.

If the company's project is to

succeed, their shows must be

xcellent tongue control is one of the primary requirements quirements of Webster's The White Devil, at least when performed in the Grand Prix style of Loose Canon Theatre company's current revival (at Project @ the Mint). As the evening progresses, the cast seems to fire off lines at ever greater velocity, haring through speeches as though it were always the last word

which counted for most. It is not an unreasonable approach, for, when it comes creating a contemporary production style for a three-hour Jacobean tragedy, there is nothing like a dose of pace. Loose Canon and director Jason Byrne have in the past been highly successful at injecting their special brand of youthful energy into a range of Elizabethan and Jacobean drama, most recently giving Coriolanus a thrashing, sprinting and huge-by entertaining production.

THEATRE The White Devil Dublin*

The ploy certainly keeps reins on The White Devil's sprawling length, but it also at

a laugh as much as for power and fortune. Phelim Drew, as Vittoria's brother Flamineo, magnetically draws the play about his character, giving the scheming wretch's asides a kind of music-hall panache.

Natalie Stringer's Vittoria who should be at the centre of these murderous proceedings. never steers her character's admittedly contradictory vio-lence, defiance and tenderness into a coherent whole. As a consequence, the love story befar enough from worthiness to tween Vittoria and Michael be really enjoyable, rather than simply a relatively pain-McElhatton's snivelling Brachiano scarcely comes into foless way for us to take our medcus, never mind ignites. Storyicine. In the past Byrne has achieved this re-energising. telling is clearly not Byrne's top priority, but here it is given

have got the better of him.

The White Devil seems to LUKE CLANCY

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At work or play we are all the same

That is what Andreas Gursky's photographs at the Serpentine Gallery say to Richard Cork

A THE BRIDE

PPosite the entrance to Andreas Gursky's spelibinding show at the Serpentine Gallery, a large photograph shows six luminous rows of trainers glowing on a wide, white wall. They almost transform the opening room into a state-of-the-art shoe shop, where designer style can be savoured in all its consumerist guile. But the phosphorescent niches containing the trainers also make them aspire to the condition of art.

The floor beneath, where their milky reflection seems to hover in a void, is as pristing as the most immaculate museum interior. And the installation looks reverential enough to be mistaken for a shrine, filled with intensely desirable objects demanding worship.

Gursky makes us acutely aware of ourselves as gazers, and of how our reactions are shaped by presentation of the spectacle we survey. He also ensures, even in images devoid of people, that the human presence is seldom forgotten. Trainers, after all, are intended for feet, but in his photograph they seem marooned inside confines denying them any possibility of escape.

Gursky's other subjects mostly elicit the same complex response. Initially, these large and sumptuously printed colour photographs generate awe. At the same time, though, we shudder at the insights Gursky offers into the late 20th-century world, where so many aspects of life are framed within structures as rigid as the trainers' shelves.

his severely regulated world becomes particoppressive when Gursky turns his camera towards cities. He roams freely, from his native Germany to Brasilia, Singapore and Happy Valley. But wherever he ends up. images of relentless conformity crowd into his viewfinder.

In a stunning diptych of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, both panels are dominated by stern diagonal rows of identical desks. Everyone's attention is consumed by the computer screens on the desks. Their operatives seem as indistinguishable as the machines they gaze at in the centre of the right panel an old man stands out with his strange, priest-like demeanour. But he serves only to underline the uniformity of the figures around him, caged in a structure so spotless that it takes on a hellish aspect.

When Gursky turns his attention to the Chicago Board of Trade he appears to find a more anarchic scene. The pathways are littered with paper, apparently flung down by officials who seem to have abandoned their desks and rushed into the central arena. Here they jostle in a frenzy, dramatically at odds with their serene Hong Kong counterparts.



Andreas Gursky's 1997 photograph of the Chicago Board of Trade: it is a scene of apparent anarchy, yet the gesticulating traders are conforming to a behaviour pattern that is both ritualistic and highly regimented

But the differences between East and West may well be more superficial than they appear. The waving Chicagoans are indulging in behaviour as ritualised, in its boisterous way, as the Hong Kong traders. Gursky views both from a distance, appraising their communal activities with the objectivity that his teachers at the Düsseldorf Academy, Bernd and Hilla Becher, devote to their photographs of ageing industrial structures.

Even so, Gursky is committed to scrutinising people rather than gasometers. And unlike the Bechers, with their puritanical black and white, he is not afraid of sensuous colour. It reaches seductive heights in his images of dance clubs.

where ecstatic kids brandish their limbs with frenzied delight. Raking, tinted spotlights add to the aura of orgiastic release, and Gursky seems to have hit on a subject where humanity succeeds at last in flouting the irksome codes that govern office life by day.

Even here, though, conformity prevails. For all their seeming spontaneity, the upiling arms respond to the music in precisely the same way. They resemble salutes, creating echoes of the equally fervent arms thrusting into the air at Nazi rallies. In place of a fascist demagogue, a DJ manipulates the kids' movements with cunning, practised authority.

minidiaons in psychedelic maelstrom of a club is not, therefore, as liberating as the ravers might imagine. They still fail to cast off the regimental habits governing their working weeks.

That is why Gursky re-mains so preoccupied with the codes of discipline in factories and offices. Some of his most disconcerting photographs define cheerless spaces where occupants seem in thrall to the compartmentalised severity of their surroundings. Even a building as glamorous as Norman Foster's icon-like Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank is seen as a sequence of cells.

Setting up his camera out-side, and choosing a moment in late afternoon when the windows look brilliant against the encircling darkness, Gursky invites us to stare voyeuristically at the rooms within. Most are lit by a cold glare that relentlessly picks out the geometrical formations behind the glass facade, where the apparfreedom of open-plan ce is countered all over bu identical clusters of furniture.

ere the employees sit, in floor after floor, like automata crowding an updated version of Fritz Lang's Metropolis. By removing himself so far from the building. Gursky emphasises the repetitive tyranny of its layout. Individual expression has no place in this chilly monolith. We can see in, but the bank's show of architectural transparency provides no real access to an institution as impenetrable as a stone-clad fortress.

an observer of ever-spreading millennial impersonality, derives from his unwillingness to condemn. He retains a clinical detachment, even if his reliance on digital technology to unwanted elements sometimes results in excessive artifice. Times Square is the title of a disorientating image, where Gursky trains his camera on the bland interior of a Hotel countyard. Most of the picture-space is taken up with lozenges of white and yellow ranged in stern, eye-baffling formations. Gursky has digitally removed so much detail that they look

like a minimalist relief. Vestiges of dangling plants help us to realise that the lozenges are balcony walkways. but the few figures detectable have been drained of colour. Reduced to near-disembodiment, they resemble ghosts rather than guests or staff. But Gursky makes us so conscious of his interference that the image is not as persuasive as his Part of Gursky's power, as less doctored works.

Maybe Gursky's love of painting drove him to push Times Square too far. But most of his pictures are enriched by their references to artists as disparate as Caspar David Friedrich and Dan Flavin. He shows how the camera's ever-expanding resources can convey a vision as unsettling and eloquent as any to be found in the art of our time.

When Gursk Jackson Poliock's Number 31. enclosed in horizontal bands of purifying light on its customary wall in New York's Museum of Modern Art, he aims not simply to show how a Modernist masterpiece is displayed with quasireligious zeal. He also wants to celebrate a transcendent moment in Pollock's work, and imply that his own hopes for a powerful lens-based art are no less ambitious.

 Andreas Gursky, sponsored by Selfridges, is at the Serpentine Gallery (0171-402 6075) until March 7

AROUND THE GALLERIES

■ THROUGHOUT the past talgia in the older generation. but remain fresh and delighttwo centuries waves of immigrants and refugees have been ful to youngsters. Art First, 9 Cork Street, WI making important contributions to Britain's rich and (0171-734 0386), until Feb 11 many-stranded culture. Fran-**ANOTHER** artist from Pociszka Themerson, for example, who came to London from land who arrived in Britain at Warsaw with her husband Steabout the same time was Steian in 1940 and lived here for ian Kna 10 (1921-90). Knadd' the rest of her life, brought early work also shows Surrealsomething distinctive to Britist tendencies, but he soon ish painting and book design. moved into freeform abstraction and it was in that field something which clearly fitted into the British art scene but at that he achieved his most strking successes. With the comthe same time had about it an ing of Pop Art the forms in his exotic, East European quality.

Her two worlds met particular-

ly in the area of humorous

draughtsmanship. During the

Press, which she founded and

ran with her writer husband,

introduced a kind of jolly Sur-realism which looked forward

to Monty Python and back,

possibly, to Edward Lear.

Many of the drawings in the

Monty Python hovers on the horizon. Polish Cultural Institute. 34 Portland Place, WI 10171-636 6032), until Friday

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and more cartoony. Again.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

How the lottery has played to the Tate Gallery

By 2001 the Tate will have two London sites to run. Can it afford them? Joanna Pitman reports

t is still hard to know which of our impoverished museums and galleries has reaped most from the early bounty of the lottery. but it has certainly done much to spur the empire-building ambitions of the Tate Gallery.

No sooner have we got our minds around the ambitious new lottery-funded £130 million Tate Gallery of Modern Art which will open in the former power station at Bankside in May next year, than we are confronted with another major lottery-funded Tate development the £32 million Tate Gallery of British Art at Millbank. As the collections are being divided and modern international art is preparing to start trooping across the river to Bankside, Millbank has been organising its own trans-

The architects John Miller and Partners have come up with a scheme that involves the wholesale internal reconstruction of the western quarter of the Millbank site. A

courtyard, storage area and five small galleries that used to house the Hogarth and Gainsborough collections have already been wiped off the Tate map. In their place, visitors can peer down from a small window in the Duveen Galleries, and watch construction workers laying the foundations for four new and five refurbished galleries on the main floor, six new temporary exhibition galleries in the basement, a new entrance on Atterbury Street and much-needed improved facilities for the disabled. The new gallery will be launched in June 2001.

Are we also going to get a ground-breaking new ap-proach to display? Yes, says Dr Stephen Deuchar, the newly appointed director of the Tate Gallery of British Art. We'll have 35 per cent more space for the permanent collection and the chance to increase the number of special exhibitions from three to six each year. Our approach will also be different. The whole exhibi-



The Tate Gallery of British Art will soon light up Millbank after its £32 million revamp

tion space will be divided into four quadrants, each representing a time frame - 1500-1800, 19th century, 20th century and 21st century. Then within each, rather than arranging a chronological plod through the ages, we'll have thematic sweeps across the centuries looking at particular ideas such as race, class or landscape and focusing on particular artists. The new arrangements will give subtle mixes encouraging the visitor to think of the historic and the contemporary together."

contemporary British art which could be claimed by both Bankside and Millbank? Deuchar says that the Turner Prize will remain at Milibank. and that British works will be shown in different contexts at the two different sites. "A Bacon might be hung among works by Constable at Millbank, to show it in a particular light, whereas it might be set at Bankside in a world view of the 20th century."

So now that there are to be four distinct Tate Galleries (including the Tate Liverpool and Tate St Ives), how will they be What about the overlap of

administered and staffed? The theory is that Nicholas Serota will be an overall chief executive figure, with a director running each gallery. Bankside will have a staff of 80-100 and Millbank, the effective headquarters of the group, will house 400, including a central bank of curators, exhibition organisers, fundraisers and service staff, who will be parcelled out to run aspects of displays in the different sites.

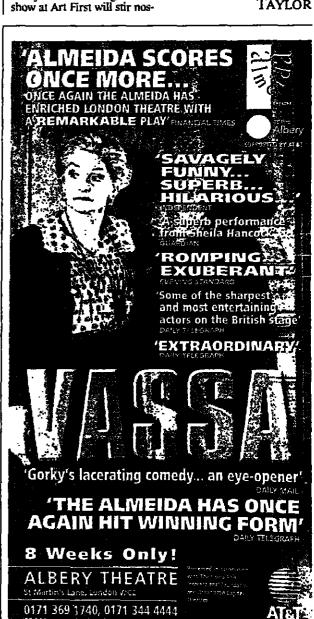
The strategy is not popular internally. A number of curators, who see themselves as the lifeblood of the Tate in terms

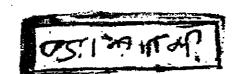
of scholarship and ideas, are unhappy about being turned into a "new breed" that will have to create displays, organise exhibitions, see through the shows and do other administrative tasks. "We feel our work is being neglected and discounted in favour of the rise in administration," says one.

If Serota has a staff quarrel on his hands, he also still has a funding challenge. The lion's share of the bill for the new Tate Gallery of British Art has come from the Heritage Lottery Fund (£18.75 million) and from individual donors and foundations including Sir Edwin and Lady Manton. Lord and Lady Sainsbury of Preston Candover and Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly.

illbank has £1 million still to raise to complete its capital funding, and Bankside is £18 million short. And when Bankside opens, running costs will shoot up by £10 million a year. At least half will, it is hoped. come from Bankside's retail revenues and other income. But the rest? The Government's annual grant to the Tate is £19 million, and a 20 per cent increase is unlikely. The Tate's finance director, Alex Beard, says: "There may be opportunities for government support and we'll also start approaching individuals for endowment finance."

Since they have already tapped the world's wealthiest for almost £100 million in capital funding, this last sounds like a tall order. Raising revenue funding is proving to be the curse of the lottery.





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my wife

Fauré's Elegie in Oxford note to the Mozart Requiem for Cello and Faure's Elegie in the first concert of the orchestra's spring season. Also on the programme is Bruckner's Te Dourn where lour solo he Friday of Whitsun. singers of international renown join the Philomusica Chorus, Manos 1998, was the first time I truly heard Mo-Papadopoulos conducts. Sheldonian Theatre (01865 798500) zart's Requiem

though I had listened to it often; and the first time I truly saw our garden, though I have lived here for ten years. I had driven my wife to hospital to undergo radiotherapy. We know it could not cure her. only mitigate the pain. As, nauseous, she rested in bed after, I walked around our large Cornish garden, grieving for her. and our son, and myself. For

30 years she has been my centre: all my writing is drenched in her inspiration; when I wrote The White Hotel the one name from my personal life that I knew I must include was hers: Denise. I felt an anguished wonder. suddenly, at the garden she has created out of a wilder-

ness. I have not pulled out a single weed; only grumbled at the expense, and been indulgently amused by the extreme care she took over where shrubs and flowers should be planted or replanted. Now, at last, on a radiant afternoon, l could see the whole vibrant,

he stage directions read: "It is a vast, circu-

stairs at the left lead up to a

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the stairs seven enormous

doors... The hall is empty.

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this describe the interior of the

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lar Gothic castle. Steep

fully realised garden; the wildness given form without being neutered. I went to her and said shakily: "It really is a beautiful garden." Opening her eyes she murmured: "It's not bad, is it?" "It's beautiful! It's as good as a collection of poems." My words pleased her. I thought: she has been convinced tormentingly that she has achieved nothing: not created the pictures and poems of her intense imagination, but left them for more leisurely decades. In vain I've reminded her of the hundreds of children she had taught with love and skill, and who have been forever enriched. She'd say: "Yes, but these last ten years, what have I achieved?"

"I thought I'd have the time to appreciate it," she said. "It will be another three or four years before it's perfect. And, when you sell the house, people will change the garden." They'll see it's too beautiful to want to change it very

much." i wept. I went to my study, overlooking the garden, and put on the Requiem. Every section, every phrase, now fully lived: Et lux "I went to my study and put on the Requiem," says D.M. Thomas. "Every section, every phrase now fully lived"

perpetua and Kyrie eleison, for the ground of our relationship has been as bumpy, sometimes, as our garden and I was in need of mercy. The Rex tremendae brought me unbearably up against the mystery of this beautiful, heartbreaking Universe. In the Lacrimosa 1 saw Mozart on his deathbed, still composing, with Constanze crying and his pupil Süssmayer trying to read his mind. Though Mozart died in

ther hoping to live, or believ-ing the creation would go on. Rightly -- for the modestly gifted pupil achieved a miracle in

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cowed by the blazing strength ing cue required by a staging of the C major vistas opened up by the fifth door tone of muof Bluebeard's Castle was con-If the castle is Bluebeard's. sic drama's great moments). the opera, written in 1911 to a but in the early stages failed to evoke the ardent glow that Hungarian libretto by the literwould help to explain why Juary whirlwind and future film theorist Béla Balász, definitely dith should abandon hearth and home for this gloomy Gus helones to Judith, the loveof a Duke. Kolos Kováts, a vetstruck mezzo-soprano with a fateful curiosity about what eran of Solti's 1979 recording. correctly suggested in his very lies behind those doors. Petra Lang, dressed in virginal first notes that this was a Bluewhite, both hit and missed her beard who murdered his wives in sorrow, not anger; yet marks: she was properly

in brief responses he was often cursory, occasionally inaudible, not helped by a demeanour suggesting a dignitary waiting to greet the Queen.

December 1791, he signed the

unfinished work "1792" - ei-

Overall, the evening's drama was focused in the orchestra. Haitink and the LPO nade the very best of Bartôk's dance of desire and death, savouring every element in his melting-pot: the folkloric gestures, the French Impressionistic glitter, the great theatrical flourishes. This was a reading full of fear and trembling, entirely worthy of the foreboding suggested in the spoken prologue, sonorously delivered, in authentic Hungarian, by the actor Sandor Eles.

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missing. Happily, the full score is available on That's Entertainment Records (CDTER 2 1197, £26.99). With the exception of Caroline O'Connor's spitfire Anita, the principals don't quite equal the original cast, but the performance derives from a staged revival and the drama shines through diant as Maria on an IMG reevery bar of the score.

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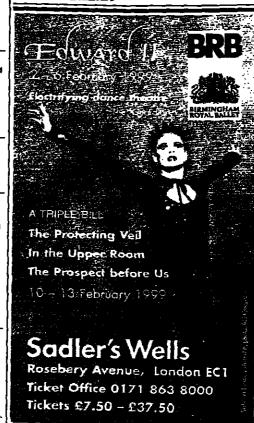
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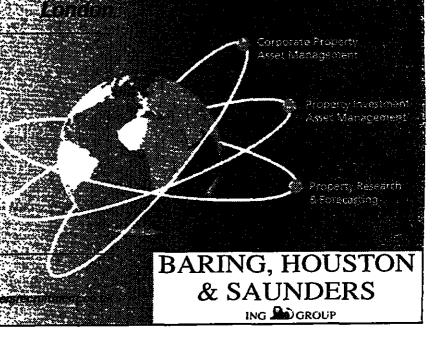
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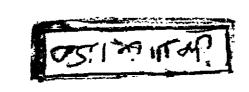




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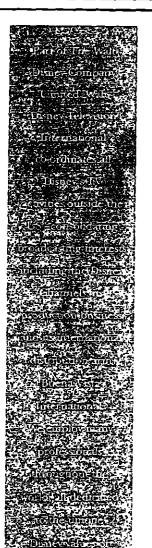
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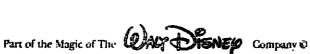
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Claus 43 of the Youth Jusice an Criminal Evidence Bill, no being discussed in he Hove of Lords, would proribit thimedia from publishing any etails that might idenrfy anyody under the age of anv form of cime sory.

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Juveniles caught up in crime may not be named, to protect them from unwarranted publicity, says Michael Todd

gered by the allegation, not the fact, of an offence. The clause is aimed at ending the problem that juveniles charged with offences may be named in newspapers before they get to court. Defending the measures last week, Paul Boateng, the Home Office Minister, said some media

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new Human or support Rights Act. Famiaccused could full glare of publicity when

they had done nothing to bring that upon themselves. At present, when juveniles appear in an adult court, they may be granted anonymity under Section 39 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933. They are protected automati-

cally when appearing in youth

courts by \$49 of the same Act. But it has not, until now, been suggested that all juveniles who become involved in any way in any form of criminal event should automatically become anonymous.

Media organisations fear reaching: Clause 43 become Many will the media would, in the event of

another Dunbiane massacre, be unable to name any of the injured children, or name the school. There would be difficulty even in naming the teachers and other staff members besympathy cause this would identify the school, which is specifically prohibited by Clause 43 (5).

In the case of Lisa find themselves exposed to the Potts, the nursery nurse who al for rescuing children from a machete-wielding maniac, Clause 43(4)(a)(b) would have made it impossible to have identified the injured children.

was awarded the George Medor any pupils who had seen the attack. Miss Potts's remarkable heroism might well have remained unreported.

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can violate its human

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Philip Lawrence, a London headmaster, was murdered outside the school gates as he sought to protect a pupil who was being attacked. Clause 43 would ensure that the school and area were not named and it might also have been unlawful to name Mr Lawrence, because this too would have iden-

The Bill also seeks to extend the range of information that might identify juveniles to cover their places of work. The media would be forbidden from identifying the workplace in the event of an armed robbery attempt foiled by a 17-year-old have a go hero. Whether the young hero could be named would depend on whether "any appropriate criminal court" would allow it. But courts, particularly magistrates' courts, are often overkeen on shielding juveniles from publicity — sometimes despite the wishes of the juvenile involved.

tified the school.

he media's ability to report many major stories could also be subject to the law's delays while a court called in a guardian ad litem, or ensured that all the juveniles' guardians were legally represented.

In cases of child abduction. the media would, before reporting the story, have to persuade a magistrate or judge not that it would be in the public interest or the child's interest to lift the ban on anonymity, but that it would be "in the interests of justice".

Even reports of road acci-

Why skeletons should not be left in the past n April 26, the civil justice system leaving this to the Court of Appeal. The Prac-

will be transformed. From then on. new Civil Procedure Rules will apply to the whole system. Instead of the parties, the judges will have the ultimate responsibility for the progress of cases. A heavy burden will fall on judges and the Court Service to ensure that the new system runs smoothly. At all levels, the judiciary and the Court Service are embracing the challenge that the reforms present. A judicial training programme on an unprecedented scale is already taking place. Among the other preparations being made, 30 individuals have been designated as the judges in charge of the de-

country. Working together with the Court Service, they will report to the new Head of Civil Justice on how the reforms are working. The Court of Appeal has a central role to play in ensuring that the reforms are a success. In implementing such radical changes, difficulties are bound to occur which the Court of Appeal will be re-

livery of civil justice in different parts of the

promptly. If guidance is delayed, problems will multiply. Unlike the two sets of rules which they replace, the new rules are in readily understandable English. They also give judges much wider discretion as to how to manage and try cases. However, judges will need to learn how to interpret the new rules and how they should exercise their in-

quired to soive. It must do so

creased discretion. To assist the Court of Appeal in providing guidance, a small body of Lords Justices will be responsible for monitoring cases and liaising with lower courts so that difficulties can be identified. The members of the Court of Appeal, our

in-house lawyers and our staff are endeavouring to be ready to provide the required service. A supervising Lord Justice has also been appointed to each area of the court's work to monitor and manage the progress of the cases to ensure they are disposed of expe-ditiously and efficiently. We have been promised additional judicial support from the different divisions of the High Court. With their help, we should have the judges we need. As part of preparations, from the start of

1999 leave to appeal has been necessary for almost all appeals. The object is to prevent appeals which have no prospect of success. Experience shows that a requirement for leave benefits everyone. But, in the short term, the requirement involves additional work.

To coincide with the extension of the requirement for leave. I issued a Practice Direction explaining the changes and urging judges of first instance, when it is appropriate, to give leave to appeal themselves rather than tice Direction requires the early delivery of skeleton arguments. The skeletons are helpful when deciding whether to give leave to appeal. They make it clear to the court - in the way that a Notice of Appeal does not - what the appeal is really about

When leave to appeal is given, a skeleton argument is also required from the other parties. This is because they are essential for the monitoring and management of appeals from the time of receipt. The Court of Appeal in a modern civil justice system must manage its workload.

As a regular reader of The Times column by David Pannick, QC, I know that he disapproves of skeletons being required so much earlier (Law, January 26). They had been required 14 days before the hearing of the appeal. This was obviously too late to enable the objectives I have described to be achieved.

The late date would also mean that skeletons could not be delivered sequentially, so that the second skeleton answered the points made in the first. Mr Pannick recognises that this is a disadvantage. In addition, the former timetable prevented the judges reading the papers, with the skeletons, well in advance of the hearing. This is necessary to check that the appeal is ready for hearing and for directing research by the court's law-

yers or new judicial assistenable the court to identify the appeals which should be encouraged to use the court's Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme.

Before the new timetable was introduced. the Bowman inquiry, the judges and the Users Committee of the Court (which includes solicitors and barristers) agreed it was in the best interests of the court, the parties and their lawyers that it should be adopted. Skeletons were only required to be delivered 14 days before the hearing date because of the reluctance of the Bar to produce them until they had to prepare the appeal for hearing any way - 28 days before the hearing had been tried but the Bar disliked this alternative.

Another approach was necessary if the benefits were not to be lost. A date as close to the trial from which the appeal came was thereetons are prepared while the case is still fresh in the lawyers' minds, their task will be easier. Secondly, the task of preparing the skeleton would involve focusing on the merits of the appeal. This should avoid the late abandoning of unnecessary arguments as hap-pened routinely under the former system.

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Two City law firm Lovell White Durrant and Simmons Simmons, and four barristers, includin the QCs Nicholas Blake and James uthrie, took on the case without charge The three-two rung by the law lords has been widelywelcomed. Yasmin Waljee of Lovells at the decision would

mark a turning pot. "At issue is the ex-

ty, it cannot do so at the expense of the legal rights of prisoners on death row rights enshrined in international conventions on human rights."

☐ Forget the millennium bug: solicitors have gone into panic mode over Lord Woolf's civil justice reforms (see above). One barristers' chambers has had the bright idea of producing a Woolf Net guide to help with the 800 pages of new rules and procedures, which take effect on April 26. The set at 2 Temple Gardens was deluged within 48 hours of the rules being published last week.

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□ Lord Falconer of Thoroton was scarcely five minutes into his new job of Solicitor-General before he was whisked off to the Cabinet Office as deputy enforcer. then made Minister for the Millennium Dome. But he is far from lost to the legal profession. The former top-earning QC and friend of the Prime Minister is helping Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, to steer his Access to Justice Bill through the Lords.

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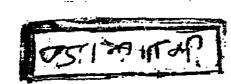


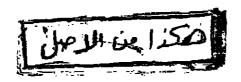






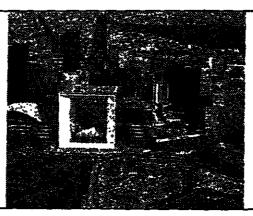




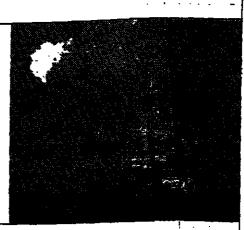












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New proposals suppor those committed to marriage and children. Chris Barton report

en the Govmment uneiled its plans for boosting the family st November it did not have in mind a promotion of lind date wed-dings. But hat did it want? This week the deadline for responding to those plans, outlined in the consultation paper, Surorting Families.
The pape trumpeted the merits of larriage, but was careful to his st that it was not lecturing and noted that we in gornment need to approach mily policy with a strong sise of humility". Have theyome up with other good pots?

Marria: registrars and health visors will have far

bigger ros in advising and supportin couples; grandparents to help more; and prenptial contracts are mooted, at on its general theme, th paper is ambiva-lent: it segests that mar-riage is he best unit for bringing up children but also sayshat lone parents and unmirried couples successfully ar children.

It con ms that unmarried faths will gain parental resposibility by jointly registerit a birth, and says that "may unmarried couples raistheir children every bit as pocessfully as married parits".

On the other hand, because misters "share the belief of the majority of people that it plvides the most reliable fraework for raising children they have decided to stretchen the marital family, ut rather than giv-ing sposes preferred status in, say, scal matters, ministers see to believe that the best wa way forward is to jazz ug weddings and to trars being "flexible about



Health visitors will have bigger roles in advising and supporting couples; grandparents are to help more; and prenuptial contracts are mooted

make divorce less trying. Be-fore the knot is tied, it is hoped that the couple will undergo preparation to con-sider how their finances will be organised, where they will live and whether they will have children". To give them time to do this. they will have to give at least 15 days' notice of their intention to wed (as opposed to the present minimum of one clear day). They will both have to attend the register office for this purpose, spelling the end to those television programmes in which one

party is pressured into cele-brating an unplanned wedding immediately. Following the trend set by the Marriage Act 1994, the nuptial act itself is to be further deregulated, with registhe format of the marriage ceremonies couples choose". Will we witness the emergence of a new profession, that of marriage director? Compared with previous progenitors, such parents are also destined to spend more

Emboldened by the results of a survey which showed that 92 per cent of grandparents have regular contact with their grandchildren, and that 47 per cent help to look after them - and no doubt hoping to defray costs

Time off for urgent family reasons is a liberating reform

time with health visitors, whose role is about to shift from solving problems to preventing them. In future, they are to provide advice about "parenting skills", which may include corporal punishment, with the help of "innovative techniques such as video and cartoon formats".

that might otherwise fall to the public purse - the Government is looking for ways

to enhance the link. Hidden away on page 26 is the most thrillingly liberating legal reform of our time: Time off for urgent family reasons is to be introduced for all employees, regardless

of length of service". This will cover looking after a child, or an elderly parent who has failen ill, or any other domestic crisis.

Supporting Families does not, sadly, contain further details of length of notice (none, presumably), dura-tion, pay or time off in licu. But it is believed that employers with the right policies in this regard will be better placed to recruit and retain skilled staff.

On publication of the paper, it was the proposals for premarital contracts that most caught the public imagination. But the Government seems to have fallen for the Solicitors' Family Law Association arguments in favour of these. Such arrangements are to be binding, but only in the absence of one of the following: one or both parties not receiving independent legal advice, the couple having offspring or the enforcement of the agreement causing injustice.

Although we may sympathise with the needs of divorce lawyers (whose business is threatened by mediators) to become marriage lawyers, it will hardly help their reputation to become involved in contracts that contain the seeds of their own invalidity. Nor will such contracts help the Government to "support families", mari-

tal or otherwise. ● The author is Professor Barton of Staffordshire Uni-versity's Centre for the Study of the Family, Law & Social Policy. His colleagues, Mary Hibbs and Jo Beswick, also contributed to this article.

on libel is a real liability

Be sure you know the risks before taking court action, says David Price

Libel will

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Aitken. The plea of guilty to per-jury in his libel action against The Guardian and World in Action destroyed what latters of his reputation were left. All that remains is the expected exemplary custodial sentence. But will his fate deter others from launching bogus defamation actions?

Aitken is by no means the worst casualty in this battle-ground. In Johnson v Browning in the 18th century. Lord Holt refers to a slander action in which the plaintiff sued over the suggestion that he was a highway-man, lost and was promptly arrested in court, taken to Newgate and hanged.

Then there was Oscar Wilde, who la-mously sued the Marquess of Queensberry for slander. The marquess was upset about the attention paid by Wilde to his son, and accused the writer of "posing as a somdomite" (every-one knew what he meant). The

jury decided the accusation was justified. Wilde was prosecuted and sentenced to two years' im-

More recently, Tommy Do-cherty, the football manager. faced a prosecution for perjury after a failed libel action. Docherty brought an action over a fairly innocuous article in Kick Off magazine. Willie Morgan, a former Manchester United player, was reported as saying that Docherty was "about the worst manager there has ever been".

Docherty found himself in the witness box for three and a half days as his managerial career was dissected by a leading barrister. When Docherty gave con-flicting answers over the transfer of Denis Law, it was put to him that he had told a "pack of lies". The question is often put to

a witness, but rarely answered

e have witnessed the penultimate step in the fall of Jonathan the ferocious cross-examation. simply said: "Yes, it has turned out that way." The case was adjourned, discussions ensued and Mr Docherty agreed to discontinue and to pay all of Mr Mor-gan's costs. Two years later, he found himself prosecuted for perjury. He was acquitted. the jury accepting his explanation that he had not intended to mislead the court but had got carried away under the unrelenting pressure of cross-examination (the "Carman defence").

But such falls from grace on the part of a defamation plaintiff as Aitken and Docherty aside. there seems to be no prosecution

this century for perjury arising from a civil defamation action. That, however, is more a reflection on the reluctance of the authorities to prosecute, rather than the truthfulness of wit-nesses in libel actions. For every

Aitken, there are a hundred Liberaces or Maxwells, who emerge smiling from the High Court with a spotless reputation and a large tax-free sum. Even when a plaintiff loses in circumstances where the jury must have disbelieved him, the chance of a prosecution for perjury is remote. The CPS seems to want incontrovertible evidence of deceit and only rarely will there be the certainty of the DNA on Monica Lewinsky's dress or the air ticket

used by Aitken's daughter. The tale of Aitken may give temporary pause for thought for those contemplating embarking on a defamation action in the face of the truth. But libel will always attract the chancers (as well as those seeking genuine vindication). The odds of success remain pretty good.

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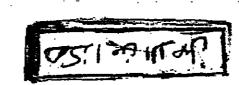
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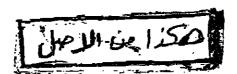
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Lawyers take up eco cause

Environment issues are now taken seriously, says **Frances Gibb**

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wampy and his tribe have put eco-wars on the map; but other environmental battles are being waged and won away from the trenches and glare of the media

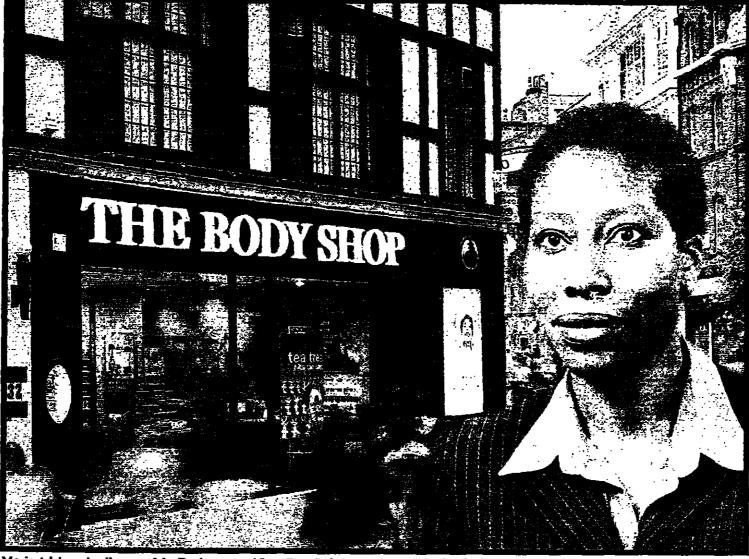
A national charity called the Environmental Law Foundation (ELF) is pioneering a new kind of legal service, one that acts as a link between communities or individuals with an environmental problem and a network of specialist lawyers.

For minimal fees, it has taken on cases from air and water pollution to building development, transport, loss of open spaces and habitats. But the foundation is not some kind of makeshift pressure group backed by grungey eco-warriers; it boasts the full backing and involvement of leading lawyers in the legal profession.

Stephen Hockman, OC, its chairman, says: "It is valued by the grassroots environmental organisations and activists, as well as being valued by such bodies as the Law Society and Bar Coun-

Now in its seventh year, it has nearly 800 cases under its belt in which help was given, often without charge, to community groups and individuals who would otherwise have been unable to obtain it. In essence, it is a referral system: people are put in touch with experts who give initial advice and follow-up

free or at a discount. Cases include the Malvern residents who secured the early closure of an incinerator emitting harmful pollution; the relocation of a coach park that was affecting residents' health and environment: and a campaign to block planned roads through water meadows. Residents were successfully advised in



Maria Adebowale, director of the Environmental Law Foundation: "not an organisation for lawyers but of lawyers working for the community"

opposing plans for open-cast mining in Nottingham's green belt and parish council members at Steeple Aston in Oxfordshire were helped to save their 400-year-old parish hedges from a proposed

foundation also backed a test case brought by 1,000 London Docklands residents over nuisance, noise and pollution resulting from the Limehouse Link construction site and interference to their television sets by Canary Wharf Tower. which went to the House of Lords. They won a partial victory in the Court of Appeal but lost in the Lords.

The foundation is not inter-

ested only in taking people to court. It is keen to find other ways of resolving disputes. In many ways, it is the very model the Government wants to encourage in its community legal service, where a large-scale impact is achieved with modest staff (in the foundation's case, one full and one part-time). The 300 lawyers and other technical specialists or academics who, as members, make up the referral network, work

als qualify for legal aid. But the foundation is worried that legal aid reforms will cut the numbers of cases it can take on.

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Maria Adebowale, ELF's director, says: "This would mean reducing access to justice rather than expanding it." She also fears that conditional fees ("no win, no fee") are not suitable for many environmental cases because only the bigger cases are likely to be taken up.

ELF's cases tend to have high investigative costs and to be complex. But under the Government's legal aid reforms, the foundation's record should ensure that it is well placed to seek contracts itself for providing le-gal services or many of its cases should qualify for the help the Lord Chancellor has promised for cases with high

initial costs or deserving of funds on public interest grounds.

Meanwhile, the foundation is widening its brief. A transport law project has been launched with the solicitors Leigh Day & Co, which has produced a report to identify and assess legal options for making roads safer. particularly for children. and to encourage walking and cycling.

A second initiative is a Green Office project with Department of the Environment funds. The law firms Bindmans and Radcliffes. and barristers at Old Square Chambers and Doughty Street, are taking part. The

aim is to bring recycling and other sustainable development policies into law firms and chambers.

A project has also been set up with the Body Shop Fourdation to help community groups, including ethnic minorities and those on low incomes, with environmental problems. Then there is training through conferences and seminars and legal updates. But Ms Adebowale insists the emphasis is on consumers of legal services. "It is not an organisation of lawyers. she adds. "but lawyers working for the community." • ELF: Unit 309. The Chandlery 50 Westminister Bridge Road, London SEI 7QY (U171-721 7693)

Why nannies must be put on a register

A family law barrister is campaigning for the regulation of nanny agencies

ate last month, in between robing up for court, Anne Waddington was deluged with calls. As well as juggling her career as a family law barrister with being a wife and mother, she is a leading voice in the pressure group Playpen which campaigns for the regulation of nanny agencies.

So in the wake of recent press coverage on the court case dealing with the death of the baby Caroline Jongen at

the hands of Louise Sullivan, the Government's pledge for an agency kitemark is a step forward. At last, the Government is recognis-

ing Britain's childcare crisis. But what is proposed is very restrictive: there are 100,000 known nannies operating: only a third are registered with agencies and very few of them get iobs through those agencies." she savs. Ms Waddington warns parents that a

a dilemma kitemark would also for any push up agency fees - already at a nationparent' al average of E450 a placement and up to Anne Waddington £1.600 in London so that few families

'Choosing

would be able to afford them. Ms Waddington, who took up the campaign when looking for a nanny for her children. Lucy. six, and Harry, four. says: "One applicant looked phenomenally brilliant, but her CV didn't ring true and the agency hadn't done the checks. I spent five days making my own inquiries."

The girl turned out to be a plant working on a Yorkshire TV programme, documenting the lack of agency research. Ms Waddington then met people whose children had been in-

jured by nannies, including one

mother whose child had suffered brain damage. Playpen was founded soon afterwards. Playpen would also like to see a national reference register or database on which employers could place references and would-be employers pay to see them or obtain contact details.

Such a register — if it were international - could have highlighted the fact that Sullivan had been previously employed

for just two months

by an Australian famify who had found her shaking their baby. The group has the backing of more than 170 MPs; now it needs £500,000 to set up the register. Ms Waddington says: "Choosing a nanny is a dilemma for any parent and my work makes me even more painfully aware of the problems. "If you put a young, ill-equipped childcarer in a vulnerable posi-

a carer is tion - the equivalent position to a young. single mother - it is not a good starting point for the nurturing that small children need and deserve.

As a barrister in family law who deals with children's cases, she sees problems at the end of the line. This week she has been battling for a mother who faces her child being taken into care and adopted. It is in cases like this, Ms Waddington says, that a group such as Playpen can secure changes which on a wider scale prevent problems before they occur.

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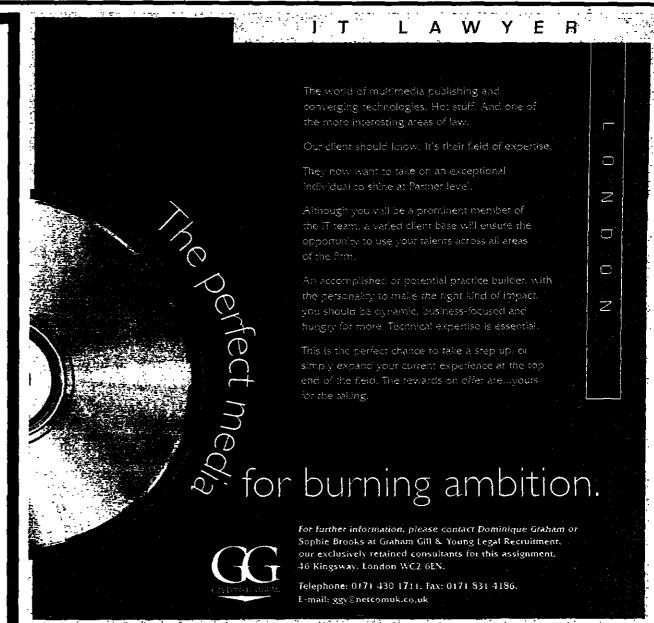
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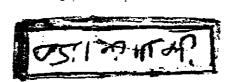


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Oliver Holt in Miami on a Super Bowl that choked on its own excess

Denver's night overshadowed by Prophet's fall

amid the Art Deco, the pavement cafés, where it all began to unravel. By Saturday night, the Super Bowl had turned its host city into Sodom-on-Sea and Ocean Drive was gridlocked with stretch limousines, hustlers and frantic rubberneckers.

Somewhere in the mêlée, a man had coiled a thick, writhing python around his neck. From time to time, he raised it above his head, as though he were lifting a trophy of evil. A few blocks away, less than 24 hours before the bigges match of his life, one of the best-known players of the Atlanta Falcons was being marched away to fail. This Super Bowl was about to choke on its own excess.

His team-mates like to call Eugene Robinson "The Prophet" because of his loquacity and his religious zeal. On Saturday, some time around 9pm, The Prophet, who had won an award for his "strong moral character" a few hours earlier, was arrested after it was alleged that he had propositioned an undercover policewoman posing as a prostitute and demanded sex.

Robinson played in Super Bowl XXXIII, which the Falcons duly lost, sullenly, dispiritedly, to the Denver Broncos. He tried to make amends for the uproar that he had caused. but he tried too hard. He succeeded only in making the crucial mistake that gave the Broncos an advantage that they would never relinquish. So while John Elway, the Broncos quarterback and the game's Most Valuable Player. was taking the plaudits and listening to the barrage of pleas for him to nurse his creaking body through one last year so that he can lead the Broncos in their attempt to win an unprecSuper Bowls, the rest of us were drawn to the losers.

Elway's was a familiar story anyway, almost a carbon-copy of the events of last year, when he finally broke his losing Super Bowl streak. This time, the Broncos' victory was anticlimactic and Elway seemed to be underwhelmed, even though he made all the right noises. But there was a fascination about Atlanta that out-

weighed the simple fact of They had turned the Super Bowl into everything that it is



not supposed to be: immoral. not wholesome: an examination of the reasons for failure, not victory; a force for division and tortured self-introspection. Suddenly, no one cared about the billions of dollars that the game was supposed to be raking in. They just wanted to know about the meagre bucks that Robinson was alleged to have been offering.

His team-mates talked about the distraction that it had been, the way it had soured their first appearance in the Super Bowl. It was a sad, hopelessly under-achieving end to a season that had exceeded all expectations.

After the game, the Prophet strode into the wilderness of gasping, sweating journalists who moved in a great mass to besiege him. He looked most unlike a chastened man of God. In fact, he seemed almost unable to keep a smirk from

ulate, but they only added to the sense of a seedy soap opera that was more Sunset Beach

"My lawyer has advised me not to talk about the arrest," Robinson, who plays at safety in the Falcons defense, said. "I feel strongly that I will be found innocent but not righteous of this deal. But what I want to do now is to apologise to my Lord Jesus Christ, secondly to my wife and kids and thirdly to the entire Falcons organisation for the distraction I

have caused them. This goes beyond football because I am a husband and a father. I have told my wife that I am deeply sorry and I know that the ramifications will be far-reaching. When I was in jail, I thought about my Lord Jesus Christ and I fell on my knees. You will call me a hypocrite, but I can deal with that.

"I did not sleep last night. They say that confession is good for the soul but not for the reputation. Well. I can deal with my reputation, but I could not ask for forgiveness for this because there is no way I could do penance for what I have done. But I am not going to hide from you."

All around him in the seeth-

ing media tent behind Pro Player Stadium, his Falcons team-mates looked shellshocked. They had never really tested the Broncos, particularly after Elway threw the second-longest touchdown pass in Super Bowl history to Rod Smith late in the first half, a pass that left Robinson flourdering and the Broncos with a

Everywhere, there were symbols of failure. Dan Reeves, clearly shaken by the furore surrounding Robinson, said that he had allowed the player to decide whether he was mentally fit to play. Reeves was



Elway holds aloft the Vince Lombardi Trophy, the prize for the winners of the Super Bowl

grappling with his own demons after his fourth Super Bowl defeat as a coach and his inability to avenge his dismissal as Denver coach seven years ago.

At another podium, Cornelius Bennett was trying to out a brave face on his new record. The Falcons' defeat meant that he became the first man to play on the losing side in a Super Bowl five times. He managed a thin smile or two.

chance at a sixth." he said. "It goes both ways for me because feel blessed to have been given the chance to play in five games like that I am just going to keep on keeping on and win one of these things. Some great players never even get to a Super Bowl. I have to

be thankful for what I've got." Bennett, who was in trouble with the law himself earlier in the season when he pleaded guilty to a charge of battery, pledged his support to Robinson, who had helped him

when he was down. "It didn't help," Bennett said, "but the fact that it happened so close to the game meant it didn't really have a chance to make an impact on us."

By then, Robinson was well on the way to recovering his poise. As he climbed down from his podium, he was met by an young female television reporter. He wrapped his right arm round her and made her a promise. "Carla," he said. "I'm going to have to

SNOOKER

Hendry admits to loss of authority

BY PHIL YATES

THERE was no attempt at feeble excuses, no papering over the cracks or denying the existence of a malady that has plagued him for some time. Stephen Hendry indulged in honest self-analysis after los-ing in the Welsh Open final

"Some of my mistakes towards the end were just pathetic," Hendry said, after squandering a gilt-edged opportunity to end a spell of nearly two years — extending back to the International Open of February 1997 — during which he has not won a tournament on home soil.

Hendry was beaten 9-8 by Mark Williams at the Cardiff International Arena in a match he could and should have won. It left the Scot thoroughly dejected and pessimistic about his playing future. Hendry, who enjoyed a two-frame cushion on four occasions, committed a number of key errors, but the focus of his post mortem was misspocket in the deciding frame, with the colours at his mercy.

"I never used to miss match ball. Now it happens a lot," he said. "I watched Steve Davis when his domination started to fade and that began with him missing simple ones when it mattered. The same thing is happening to me."

This evaporation of Hen-dry's killer instinct became noticeable when Williams recovered from a 9-6 deficit to defeat him 10-9 on a respotted black in the Benson and Hedges Masters final last year.

Williams collected £60,000 and thus moved to the top of the prize-money list this season, with £165,225. Having also won the Irish Open in December, he boasts an ll-match unbeaten record and will defend his Masters title with an abundance of confidence. In contrast, Hendry's bruised ego could require SKIING

Austrian has title within grasp

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FROM GRAHAM DUFFILL IN VAIL COLORADO

ALEXANDRA Meissnitzer almost has it all within her grasp. The 25-year-old Austri-an is often referred to as the women's team equivalent of Hermann Maier. Strong and determined, she shares the single-minded will to win of

As a result of her victories in downhill, giant slalom and super-giant slalom this sea-son, Meissnitzer is leading the International Ski Federation rankings and is being billed as the woman to beat in the world championships over the next formight here. That rating was being put to the test in the super-giant slalom last

Meissnitzer great respect not just for her victories but because the most celebrated skier is the allrounder. Her statistics are impressive. She has had four topsix downhill finishes this year. to add to her victory at Veysonnaz, super-giant victories at Lake Louise and Val d'Isère and has never been ranked lower than No 9 in the world. Her strongest suit is the giant slalom, in which she has won

three times this season. "I know that I'm in really good shape and my skiing is getting stronger," she said. "I know that I can be on the podium every time. I'm a pretty ambitious person."

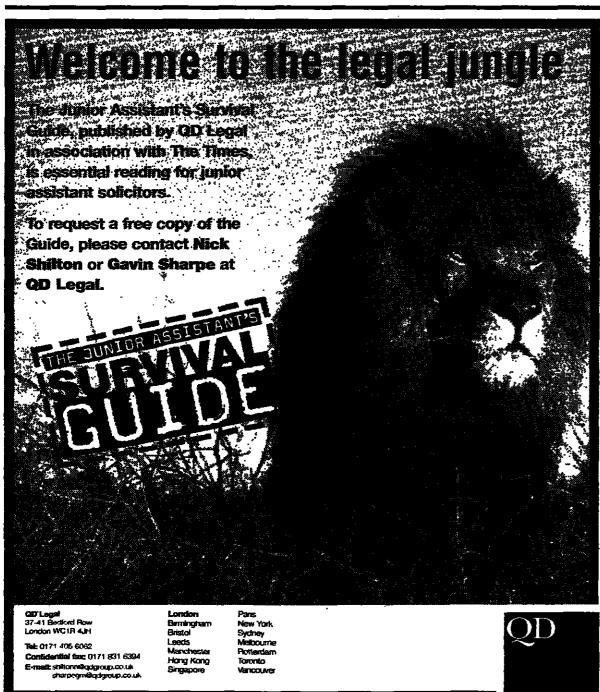
Although they share geogra phy in common, it is too early for Meissnitzer to start having ambitions of pursuing the record set by Anne Marie Moser-Proli, her fellow Salzburg skier. Moser-Proll won six women's world championships, five in succession.

between 1971 and 1975. In Vail, Meissnitzer wakes up to headlines pronouncing her to be the favourite. "Sure. the pressure is getting bigger and bigger because everybody is asking me about my success, but I think I can handle the pressure," she said.

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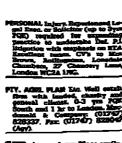


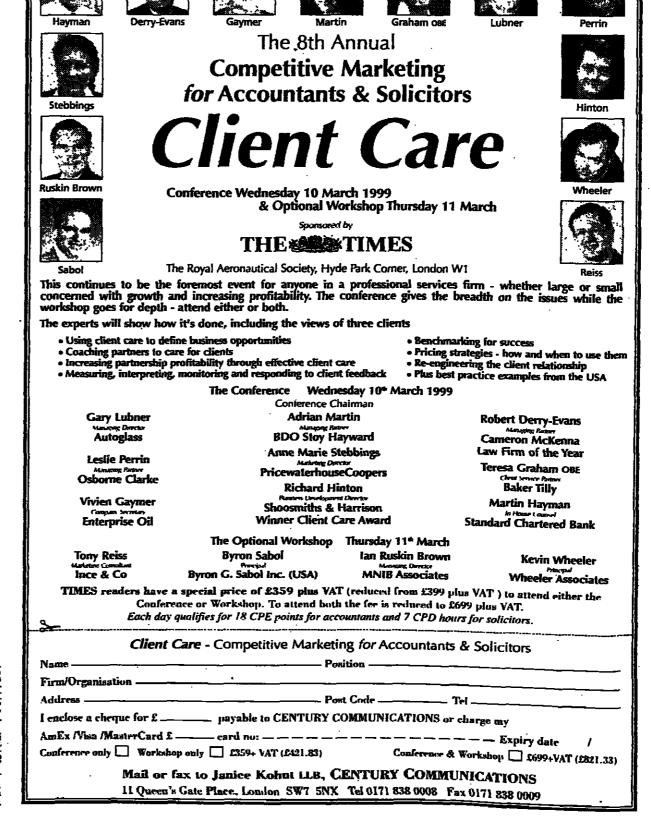
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4.00 HADDINGTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,550: 3m) (9 runners)

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

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(Div II: £2,056: 2m) (9 runners)

2.30 SPOTT NOVICES CHASE

(£2,788, 2m) (7 runners)

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Williams sees danger in Double Thriller

By Chris McGrath

EVEN the most gullible of punters grows wary of taking the formbook literally. On the other hand there are times when everything they need to know can be found there in black and white. Certainly, Venetia Williams is far too clever a trainer to be too clever by half, and yesterday she warned Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup punters that the writing could be on the wall for the favourite, Teeton Mill.

The grey has made such gi-ant strides since joining her stable, running away with the King George VI Chase on his latest start, that his only defeat under Rules, just days after his arrival, has generally been eliminated from calculations. Suddenly, however, the hunter chase in which he was beaten by Double Thriller at Cheltenham last spring is being treated as potentially decisive evidence.

Yesterday Williams confessed that the most alarming experience of her stay in Meribel last week was not a precipitous black run but watching satellite coverage of Double Thriller's debut for Paul Nicholls at Wincanton on Thursday. "I was impressed," she said at Plumpton, where Wil-

Ragamuff. 4.40 Fancy Nancy.

GOING: SOFT

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1.40 Salamah. 2.10 John Bush. 2.40 Nordic

Breeze. 3.10 North Tyne, 3.40 Storm Castle, 4.10



Double Thriller impressed trainers with his Wincanton victory

mott's Fancy became the 41st winner of her marvellous season. "We have to fear him, because he beat Teeton Mill fair and square at Cheltenham and I'd say he has the potential for improvement. He'd had only one run previously. whereas Teeton Mill had run in several hunter chases."

Miss Williams dismissed any lingering anxieties about the amount of work her horse had recently missed with a reported foot problem. "I rode him myself, three times up, this morning," she said. "He's likely to run over two and a half miles at Ascot before Cheltenham. on February 20." She

3.10 STAPLEMEAD SEMINAR SUITE MAIDEN

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6 40-2 WIGD THINGS 25 R Flamon 3-8-7 Deam McCable 7
685 VEGAS 10 J S Moore 3-8-2 J Cuten 7

6-4 Waiting Knight, 5-2 Wild Thag, 6-1 Swampy, 8-1 Lucky Nemo, 10-1 other;

Martin Dwyer 3 8 6602 MORY'S GRAB HRRE 7 (B.C.D.F.G) K Ivory 6-7-10 C Catilla (7) 5

3.50 GREENGAGE HANDICAP (£3.589: 61) (8)

7-4 Agille, 7-2 Multanab, 9-2 Anglato, 7-1 Robo Mag.c. 10-1 others.

4.20 CHERRY HANDICAP (52,621: 1m 4f) (11)

6-4 Jana Shrime, 11-4 Hight City, 9-2 Erition, 7-1 Key To The City, 16-1 others.

2.50 DAMSON STAKES (3-Y-0: £1,801: 6f) (5)

6-4 Westside Flyer, 9-4 Larry Carpson, 7-2 Light Breeze, 8-1 others.

4.40 WEDDING LICENCE HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,246: 3m 110yd) (12)

HURDLE (Div I: £2,644: 3m 110yd) (12)

did not, however, rule out the possibility that he would go straight to the Festival. Florida Pearl, his rival for fa-

vouritism, has his final trial in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Sunday, when he resumes last year's Cheltenham hostilities with Escartefigue. Willie Mullins, his trainer, is another fascinated student of Teeton Mill's encounter with Double Thriller. He hopes that there is more than just the colour of their coats to link Teeton Mill with One Man, who froze on the hill in the Gold Cup after showing his brilliance in precisely the same races as Teeton Mill on flat tracks. Teeton Mill certainly seemed to faher off the bridle that day, as Double Thriller galloped up the hill.

"I thought he appeared to be going to the last very well in that hunter chase and didn't see out the trip up the hill," Mullins said, "If there's a flaw in Teeton Mill's make-up, I hope it's round Cheltenham. We've won round there with 12 stone. Florida Pearl has shown both that he can stay and he has plenty of boot." ☐ There is a 9.15am inspection at Leicester today to assess prospects for the meeting tomorrow. The hurdles course is waterlogged.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goling: soft, heavy in places
2.00 (2m 1f hole) 1, Willmott's Fancy (R
Thomson, 4-11 tavl, 2, Red Bordeaux
(15-2), 3, Balta d'Aur (50-1) 9 ran, NR
Rhembold, 101, 41 Miss Veneta Williams,
Tota, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £3.70 DF,
22.20, CSF-£3.84,
2.30 (2m 51 ch) 1, Roldeall (R Widger, 3-1
tav, Richard Evans's napp); 2, South West
Express (5-1), 3, The Ten Arragos (4-1), 8
ran, NR; Hightown Caustier, 22, sh hd, R
Ahrer Tota, £3.40, £1.30, £1.60, £1.40 DF
£11 10, CSF-£15.88, Tricast, £50, £1.40 DF

217.72 4.00 (3m 11 110yd ch) 1. Military Academy (A P McCoy, 8-11 fav), 2. Mr Miler (3-1): 3, Glacial King (12-1) 5 ran. 26l, dist. Ian Williams Tote: £1.50: £1 10, £1.90 DF. £2.10. CSF £3 14. 27.90 Dr. 22.10, CSF 29.14, 4.30 (2m th.dg) 1, Doctor Bravious (E Byrne, 16-1); 2, Studio Thiny (7-1); 3, De-risbey (10-1) Tokerly's Gill (4m) 7-4 fav. 7 7-an. 5, 5, Jamae Poulton Tote 216-30, £3.20, £4.50, Dr. £27-60 CSF £99.81. Placepot: £845.90. Quadpot: £162.30



4.10 (3m 1i ch) 1, Bright Destiny IMrs C Ford, 7-1), 2, Purnbob (6-1): 3 Hags Way (6-11, My House (4th) 5-2 lav 8 ran, 2-1, 23i, J Golde, Tote: 55-60; C2-20, C1-60, C2-10 DF, C2-4 O CSF £40 52, Tr-cast; £225-59 4.40 (2m liai) 1, Bellet-K (Mr R Fornstal, 1-4 fav.; 2, Early Dasty (3-11, 3, Desmigton Me (20-1), 3 ran, 11, 191, J Neville Tote: E1, 20 DF; C1-10, CSF £1.29, Placepoot; £33.10. Quadoot; £25.50.

Southwell

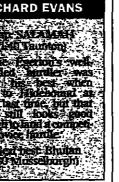
CSF £117.20 Tracest £498.85.
4.20 (1m) 1. The Barmsley Belle (F Norton, 8-1): 2, Rouge (25-1), 3, Mooningte Fel (9-1) Oxbane 2-1 fav. 15 ran, NR. Lilanuta. Hd. 'L. G Woodward Tote £11.10. £2.40. £8.40. £3.30. DF: £126.60 Tote Trincas. £7.75.60 - part won ipool of £2,345.61 camed forward to Museabburgh 3.30 today) CSF. £193.26. Tracest. £1,697.54 Jackpot: not won (£13,569.22 Carried forward to Musselburgh today). Placepot: £61.20. Quadpot: £17.70.

Plumpton

217 10. CSF C15 88. Infast. 150 57 8.00 (2m dl holle) 1, Advance East (O McPhail, 6-1); 2. Tylo Steamer (6-1), 3. Happy Minstral (5-1). Sprint Up 5-2 lav 7 ran 2*1, 91. C Poptham. Tota. C7-30; 23.60, E2.80. DF E23.70 CSF. C36 34. 3.30 (2m 5) ch; 1, Regal Aura (W Marston, 7-1): 2, Luke Warm (7-4), 3, Indi-en Run (6-4 tav), 4 ran, NR: Scavo 21, 24!. D O'Brien, Tote 59,10 DF 55 20 CSF 517,72

Ayr Going: soft, heavy in places 2.19 (2m hole) 1, Lindajane (f. Jerdine, 5-1); 2, Red Hot indian (4-7 tay); 3, Choco-late Drum (20-1), 8 ran, 24, 101 D Whi-tars, 70te; 13-50, 67 10, £1 40 DF; £1 80, CSF £7,63. CSF £7.63.
2.49 (2m 51 110yd ch) 1. Mr Frangloani (A Dobbin, 7-2), 2, Mise Stan (evers lav); 3, Emperor's Megic (8-1) 6 ran 2, dsr. N Richards, Tote, £4.90, £1.90, £1.30 DF 23.60, CSF: £6.88

23.60. CSF: 20.58 3.10 (Sm 10yd hdie) 1, Hugo de Grez (B Storey, 16-1), 2, Just An Excuse (2-1 lav); 3, Radmore Sexon (9-2), 11 ran ·1. 4, C Parker Tote, 22.120, 57.10, 51 (0, 51.70, DF: \$25.70, CSF £44 45. 3.40 (3m 4f hote) 1, Robbo (Mr A Dempsey, 7-4); 2. The Next Water (13-8 tax) 4 ran, 261 Mrs M Reveley Tota: £3 30. DF £1.60. CSF, £4 27.



Placepot: £33.10. Quadpot: £25.50.

CSF 23 47
1.29 (2m) 1. Quezon City (L. Chemock 33-1), 2. Muclark (8-1), 3, Mucaise (5-2 lay, 9 ran. 61, nk. Mass J. Camacho. Tote. 530.30, 64.50, 52.00, 61.20, 67. 6106.50 CSF 5245 60, Tricast. 5331.23, 1.50 (7f) 1. Mai Tal (A Clark, 10-3), 2. Miss All Alone (4-7 lay); 3, Partie Prima (25-1) 9 ran. 2, shind D Barker Tote: 25-70, 61.40, 61.00, 54.90, 07. 61.80, CSF 55.00.

2.80 (2m) 1, Pipe Music (P Goods, 10-3), 2, Spa Lane (5-2 lay) 3, Old Hush Wing (4-11.7 ran, NR Shurflecock, 3, 13 P Hasiam, Tote: C4 55 C2 40, C1 80 DF: 25 30 CSF: C11 32 Treast E30 58 3.50 (1m) 1, Bamboo Garden (M Teb-but, 12-1) 2, Fourth Time Lucky (9-1), 3, Sharp Rhythm (4-1 (-law), Bilachang (4th) 4-1 (-law, 14 ren 2%), % G Chung Tote (17-90 CM-50, C3-80, C2-20 DF £152-50, CSF £117-20 Tocast; £498-85.

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's triumph

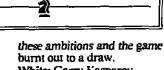
wise engaged in a match against Yasser Seirawan, of the United States. Kasparov dominated the tournament, the only setback being his loss near the end against Ivan Sokolov. Although both Anand and Kramnik, two of the champion's closest rivals, sailed through the event without losing a game.

The game between Kasparov and Anand, which I feature today, was drawn quickly, but did exhibit some points of interest. Kasparov tried, by a series of tactics, to break into the black camp via the h7-pawn. However, careful defence by Anand thwarted



Garry Kasparov, the world Moysian with the force threatening to shorten the long trump champion, has reasserted his authority by scoring a narrow but clear victory in the elite tournament at Wilk aan Zee in Holland. The tournament contained all of the leading contenders for Kasparov's title apart from Anatoly Karpov. the Fide champion, and possibly Michael Adams, the Great Britain No I, who was other-

> neither of them could match the champion's ferocious energy in notching up wins.



Long handcap: Sunise Sensation 9-12, Ruber 9-6, Sheppardon 9-3

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Viswanathan Anand

Wijk aan Zee 1999 Oneen's Gambit Accepted Nf3 е3 Bxc4 Bb3 exd4 Nc3 Nc6 Be7 0-0 Na5

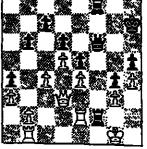
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Diagram of final position · 王炎皇海 秦仓》

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By Raymond Keene

from the game Kolbus -Sjaschkin, Romania, 1998. How did Black extract the maximum from his pressure along the f-file?



2.10 TAUNTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,309: 2m 3t 110yd) (12)

10 CASA FINA 33 M Pipe B-11-5 ... G Supple (3)
2 3/63 EZAMAX (24 Miss H Knight 6-11-5 ... Colloty
3 0-0P GOLD URIOP 25 M Mellineaux 5-11-5 ... Sary Lyons
4 8253 MORY COASTER 27 (8) B De Hann 8-11-5 ... R Johnson 1
5 0/3 JAZZ OLGE 33 M J Weether 6-11-5 ... G Starofor (5) 6 UP2-JIMOSE (8) GOLD URIOS 30 M J Weether 6-11-5 ... R General
7 4-55 KAZ KALEM 34 P Hobbs 7-11-5 ... R Durwoody
8 0/3 MORMATHESTHAMMAN 95 PS Shatespare 6-11-5 J. Rivery
9 2-20 MORTH TYNE 61 GE F. R Alme 5-11-5 ... A P MicCoy (9)
10 6-83 ELEMPH JEWNO 64 P R Weber 8-11-0 ... J Deborne
11 0 EGMOOR FOREST 74 Mrs C Hicks 5-11-0 ... M Knightby (7)
12 5-65 SPARIOMS BUCK 47 Mrs C Hicks 5-11-0 ... M Calgibby (7)
14 Seeds SPARIOMS BUCK 47 Mrs C Hicks 5-11-0 ... M Calgibby (7)
15 5-65 SPARIOMS BUCK 47 Mrs (4) Hobbs 5-11-0 ... L Cammins (3) 1.40 IDEAL WEDDING RECEPTION NOVICES 6-4 Ezarak, 5-1 Horth Tyre, 6-1 Hory Coaster, 7-1 Kaz katem, 8-1 Casa Fina, 10-1 Elliewelfewoo, 12-1 Jungle king, 14-1 others. HURDLE (£2,320: 2m 1f) (14 runners) 122 EVPLANI THIS 36 (6) C Mann 7-11-9 J Mages (F13)
13 SALAMAH 45 (67.5) C Egeton 5-11-9 J Deborne 710
DOUBLE RUSH 103F 1 Keddy 7-11-3 J Goldstein (5) —
30 MISTRATO 12 P Wagnam 5-11-3 R Joinstein (5) —
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000. GLENDROBACH 627 J Bradley 7-10-12 H (fiver (5) —
4F RISK ABDIVE 171 Mars K BEODY 5-10-12 R Massey —
80 TOASTED 82 Miss E Levele 7-10-12 B Forton 53
1 FUSH 24 (5) M Ploc 4-10-8 A P McCoy 106
ABLISSAMRAH 195 A T Marphy 4-10-7 J J Marphy —
AHERNÉ 234R 9 Pating 4-10-7 W Marston —
25 FATHER (ROSSAMS 12 (87) P Michols 4-10-7 J TEZARD 110
P HILLSBUR ROSE 7 R Fires 4-10-2 J Frost — 3.40 STAPLEMEAD SEMINAR SUITE MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II; £2,644: 3m 110yd) (12) 10-11 Salamah, 5-2 Euplain This, 9-2 Flush, 10-1 Fasher Krismas, 12-1 others. 7-4 Pennyusse, 2-1 Samm Castle, 5-1 Bellymarke Roy, Master Restus, 10-1 Staxted, 25-1 Chartlesmedarlin, Fred Fuggles, 33-1 others 4.10 SADDLE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,631: 3m) (9) 1 4411 INFLUENCE PEDLER 60 (G) MESS George 6-11-10. A Massary 23 2-1235 AMBLESIDE 79 (C,G 5) Mas 5 Williams 8-11-7 C Llewebyn (32 32 22*1 THE COCKERTOD 19 (D,G 5) R Abar 8-10-12 A P McCoy 113 32 32 COUS PROMSE 19 (F-G) C Opptam 8-10-6 R Farmant 113 5 DOMF AMERICANVAL 35 (S) 5 Melber 11-10-6 C Webb 7 P122 RAGAMAPH 15 (S) P HODE 8-10-1 C Massare 87 2324 CRACKOME PROSPECT 54 (6) B Milliams 8-10-0 .R Thomson 10-8 P64- COUNTRY STORE 236 (S) M P06 10-10-0 R Johnson 9 2-01 WOT NO GIN 117 (F) A J Wilson 10-10-0 S Kelly (5) 109

3-1 Luzys Flosi, 4-1 John Bosh, 9-2 Medium Wave, 7-1 Carbs Quest, 8-1 others.

5-4 Name Flung, 5-1 Gorman, 6-1 Northic Breeze, 7-1 Month Killenmy, 8-1 others.

2.40 RACECOURSE CHASE (£3,737: 2m 3f) (14)

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER 1.20 Kafil. 1.50 Grooms Gold. 2.20 Ertlon. 2.50 Light Breeze. 3.20 Wild Thing. 3.50 Mukamab. 4 20 Half Tide

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW BEST GOING: STANDARD 1.20 PEACH AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP

(Dry 1: £2,221 1m) (9 runners)

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1.50 PEACH AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (Div || £2,221; 1m) (9)

5.2 Comp. 7-2 Grouns Cold. 9-2 Redoubtable, 11-2 Wathout Felerids. 6-1 Walkin Bozzo 10-1 Fryszkin: 20-1 Green Lacket, 25-1 others. 2.20 BRING YOUR GOLF SOCIETY TO LINGHELD

PARK CLAIMING STAKES (£2,659: 1m 2f) (9) 3-55 NIGHT CITY 19 (BF.C.D.F.G.S) K Blube 8-9-12 P Doe (5) 8
19-4 ORSAY 14 (D.F.G.S) W Mus 7-9-12 Martin Dever 1
3-111 JAVA S-FRIRE 10 (B.C.D.F.G.) A Red 8-9-0 N Polkerd (3) 7
3-111 JAVA S-FRIRE 10 (B.C.D.F.G.) A Red 8-9-0 N Exter (7) 2
4-25 BTILON 10 IC.F.G.) C Button 9-8-12 N Exter (7) 2
5-20 KEY TO THE CITY 10 (BF.D.S.) P Eccles 5-8-8 S Carson (7) 5

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TAUNTON

LINGFIELD

G'HOUNDS

1 1323 MYSTAGOGLE 14 (CD) R Hamon 4-9-11 ... P Dobbs (7) 4
2 10-2 HAYDN JAMES 12 (F) P Harts 5-9-8 ... A Cultane 10
3 665 HERE'S TO HOWE 17/1 (F) M Boslay 5-9-4 ... D Secency 11
4 6-34 TRIBAL PEACE 10 (C.F.S) B Sorbly 7-9-3 ... J Owins 8
5 2-22 HALF TIDE 26 (BP) P Middle 15-B-11 ... R Cochrant 5
6 3-25 SAMMYS SHUFFLE 12 (B.C.S) R Power 4-B-10 ... T Sprake 6
8 -223 HARVEY WHITE 12 (F.G.S) J Peace 7-B-3 ... A Poli (S)
9 00.6 HIRGSLL DANCER 26 (D.G.) R O'Sulling 5-B-1 ... N Carlaste 2
10 00-0 SUPER-GEM 12 J Warmshigh 4-7-10 ... B Bristand (1)
11 00/4 BSGWRG 19 (B) 6 I Moore 6-7-10 ... R Bristand (2) 5-2 Half Tide, 9-2 Sammy's Shuffle, 6-1 Mystagague, Hervey Whale, 7-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TAUNTON: TRAINERS: Miss V Williams, 4 winners from 10 numers, 40.0%, J Neville, 5 from 19, 26.3%, P Hobbs, 22 from 98, 22.4%, M Pipe, 38 lorn 191, 199%, C Egerton, 3 from 16, 19.8%, Miss H Knight, 5 from 31, 16.19: Mrs S Williams, 3 from 22, 13.6%, G Edwards, 4 from 30, 13.3%; P Nicholis, 10 from 82, 12.2%, P Hodges, 17 from 140, 12.1%

JOCKEYS: J Mages, 3 vernors from 13 ndes, 23 Pb; M Fizgerald, 13 hom 62, 21 Ok, A McCoy, 23 hom 122, 18 95, J Cut-foy, 5 from 27, 18 58, 1 J Maghy, 6 hom 35, 17,1%, C Masude, 13 hom 77, 18,9%, C Levelby, 6 hom 39, 15,4%, B Fenton, 7 from 46, 15.2%

LINGFIELD PARK: TRANSERS: G Wragg. 10 winners inom 40 numbers, 25.0%; J Beny. 27 from 133, 20.3%. D Chapman, 19 from 107, 17 6%. P Excles, 3 from 18, 16 7%. P terms, 13 from 84, 15-5%, J Fills: 16 from 110, 14 5%; Miss G Kelleway, 44 from 308, 14 2%. C Britten, 24 from 174, 13 8%, R Ingram, 30 from 223, 13-5%; L Montague Hell 17 from 128, 13-3%.

Cong. Saruson Cat. (Dane O'Neil, 13-8), 2, Freedom Ouest (6-4 tav): 3, Manana 20-11 9 ran 61, 41 k McAutifle Tote. 52,70; £1 10, £1 50, £3 70 DF. £1.80 CSF: £3 47

2.20 (6) 1. Cool Secret (A Cuhane, 16-1), 2. Media (13-8), 3. Pelacegate Touch (6-4 lay), 9 ran NR: Sue Me. Nd. 4 K Ryan, Tota. 221 80, 23 60, 21 10. £1.10. DF: £17 10. CSF. £40 £1. 2.50 (6) 1, Bartione (R Winston, 8-1), 2, Li-tle Ibnr (14-1), 3, Unshaken (11-1) Grand Chapeau 7-4 av 11 ran 114, 114 S Ket-tewell Tote 193-30; 52 10, 52 00, 55 70 DF 528 70 CSF, £106 01 Trocast; C1,149 88,

in Four Spades on repeated heart leads? If you ruff the second heart in hand and draw three rounds of trumps you will need two suits to behave (spades to break 3-3 as well as clubs 3-2) to avoid losing trump control. As the cards actually lie, you would be fine. Yildiz did better by

discarding clubs on the sec-**WORD-WATCHING**

What is the best technique

By Philip Howard

CURCULIO

a. A weevil

b. A hair style

c. A song cycle

CHONDRULE

a. A folk dance

c. A waterfall

b. A stony particle

Bakhshi, Jonathan Green. Mike Goldsmith, lan Richardson, Ed Sheldon. Alan Shillitoe, npc Chris Jagger). In the under-20s event, for the Peggy Bayer Trophy, England (Duncan Happer, Susan Stockdale, Stuart Haring, Jeneiv Shah, James Pepper, Kelvin Ward. npc David Harris) again triumphed.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

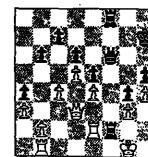
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In the above rable, 1 represents a win, in a draw and 0 a loss.

WINNING MOVE

Black to play. This position is

Solution on page 46



Stewart to play on until bitter end

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN SYDNEY

HAVING already qualified for the final of the triangular one-day tournament against Australia, to be played over a maximum of three games next week. England's two remaining round-robin matches lack meaning. Yet, having led his team back and forth across this vast country in the past three weeks, Alec Stewart, the captain, is simply getting on with the job, which, at the moment, is going tolerably well.

Ostensibly, England can use the game against Sri Lanka at Sydney tomorrow and the one against Australia on Friday to give chances to the fringe players — Vince Wells, Mark Alleyne and Ben Holli-oake. That will not prove very much. None of them is going to be in the 15-strong World Cup party, which will be named at the end of next month, although Hollicake still has a fair bit to play for in the long run.
As Neil Fairbrother is nurs-

ing a sore hamstring, which he pulled in the course of his unbeaten 81 against Sri Lanka in Perth. it is likely that John Crawley will deputise. It is conceivable that Crawley will keep wicket. in place of Stewart, although the captain does not intend to step down out of courtesy.

n time, Saqlain Mushtaq might

bask in the fame that his part in Pakistan's dramatic victory in

the first Test against India on

Sunday will guarantee for the rest of his life. All he wanted yesterday,

though, was to fron his own shirt be-

fore an engagement in the evening

and then head into the streets of Ma-

Dressed all in black, even to the

rims of his fashionable spectacles,

Saqlain resembled a young man-

about-town rather than a cricketer

with a burgeoning reputation, the

best off spinner in the world, accord-

ing to Wasim Akram, the Pakistan

captain. Sachin Tendulkar, by gener-

al agreement the world's premier

batsman, might well agree, having

succumbed twice to Saglain at the

The consequences of his perform-

ance, returning match figures of ten

for 187, soon became evident to

Saglain yesterday. He was besieged

by autograph collectors and well-

wishers in the city as he walked

among the shops with two friends of

long-standing and an omnipresent

guard. There was no animosity, only

respect. "We went into an ice-cream

shop and the owner insisted that I

Such a reaction from the Indian

people is out of kilter with the securi-

ty operation that has been mounted

for this tour. To see Saglain at the

hotel from which the teams left last

night to set off for second Test in Del-

hi on Thursday meant passing three

sets of police officers - by the en-

trance, outside the lifts and on arriv-

al at the second floor. Visitors were

searched and told to walk through a

scanning device more familiar in air-

ports. "It is like being surrounded by

He will be joined today by Sana,

whom he married seven weeks ago.

The newly-weds spoke on Sunday

night before the telephone was

an army," Saqlain said.

Chidambaram Stadium.

should not pay," he said.

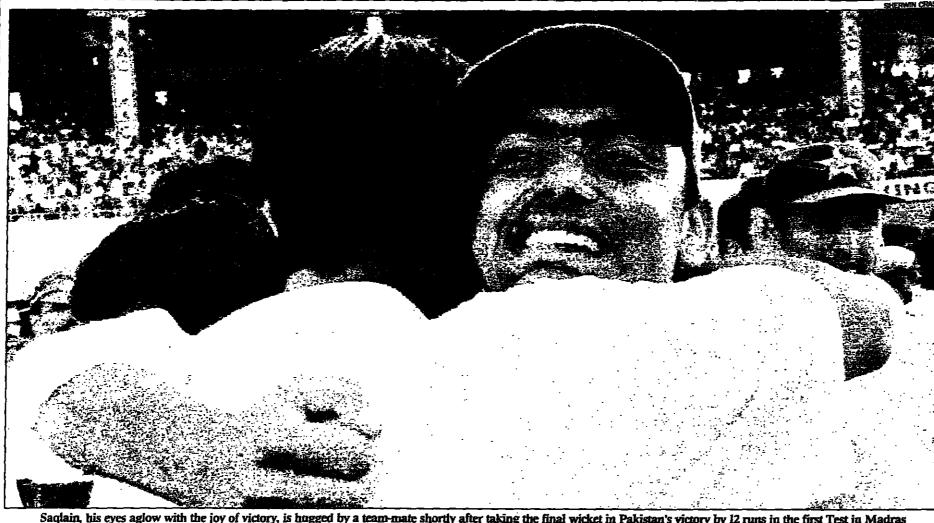
dras to buy a sari for his wife.

The last one-day international that he missed was in Pakistan during the last World Cup and he would like to extend the sequence into the next one, which begins in May. So. unless he is persuaded to stand aside for his own good. to give himself a breathing space before the finals, he will plough on to the bitter end.

"For a few weeks, once the tour is finished. I will be tired." Stewart said. "When you reach the end of a tour. your body collapses. I always knew this was going to be hard work. It is a long tour, but there are a maximum of five games left." That does not sound like a man who is preparing for an easy life.

Other than Stewart and the injured Fairbrother, England will want to rest Darren Gough and Alan Mullally until next week. Both began this tour and played in the Test series - Gough more than Mulially — and they must be approaching breaking point. Gough has excelled, Mulially has impressed and they will form the England new-ball pairing in the World Cup this summer.

Sri Lanka are ending the tour in disarray. Muralitharan has joined De Silva and Jayasuria in the physiotherapist's room and they are ready to go home with their tails between their legs. They will have much to ponder on their



Saqlain, his eyes aglow with the joy of victory, is hugged by a team-mate shortly after taking the final wicket in Pakistan's victory by 12 runs in the first Test in Madras

Saglain's secret ball sure to keep him ahead of the game

Richard Hobson, in Madras, meets Pakistan's match-winning off spinner, who was intent on a pressing engagement

passed among the extended family at the Lahore end.

After the immediate delight of victory at the ground, subsequent celebrations were low key. The squad visited a local mosque to offer prayers before Shahrayar Khan, the team at the hotel. "We had a cake in the room to celebrate, then we talked about cricket and shouted the national anthem. A few of us went out for a quiet meal, that was all," Saglain

On his return to the hotel, he re-

club. They said they were proud of a Surrey boy. That is what they called me - a Surrey boy, not a Paki-stani boy." he said. A second note duly arrived from officials of the Pakistan Cricket Board grateful for Saglain's special role in the success. They recognise his special value

India management under fire



Azharuddin: calm in face of booing

THE New Indian Express From RICHARD HOBSON said. "It will be all right." spaper described it as "a victory for peace and goodwill", but there was little of either directed towards India's cricket authorities as the 12-run defeat by Pakistan in Madras in the first Test between the countries since 1987 sank in yesterday. Bal Thackeray, the lead-

er of Shiv Sena, a rightwing Hindu party that pledged to disrupt the tour before relenting, blamed

those who invited Pakistan: "The Board of Control for Cricket in India are responsible for India's defeat on Indian soil."

Mohammad Azharuddin seemed to be unruffled by the booing that followed the loss when he left for the second Test in Delhi, which begins on Thursday. "The crowd always behave like that when we lose," the India captain

ter he strained a muscle in his back during the sec-ond innings. Restricted, Tendulkar scored 136 before losing his wicket with his side 17 runs short.

A number of Indian jour-

nalists have criticised the

team's management for

not sending out a runner

India have named an unchanged squad for Delhi and Azharuddin said that Tendulkar will play.

to the national cause. The mystery delivery that accounted for Ten-dulkar in the first innings — a leg break delivered with the normal off-

has already passed on the secret to youngsters in Faisalabad, Lahore, Karachi and Sialkot. Until batsmen learn to read him from the hand, Saqlain can expect to remain a significant force. That special ball is the biggest reason why, at 22, he can reflect upon a fine start ball. to his Test career. He has taken 75 wickets in 18 matches and has climbed above Mushtaq Ahmed as the leading spinner in the squad. Yet he holds enormous respect for the senior players and Wasim in par-

break action - might have been been patented by Saqlain, but he

There was a period of play on Sunday in which Tendulkar decided to launch an all-out attack. "He hit four fours against me in one over, it seemed to every part of the ground. I started to wonder if we would lose. thought how short the boundaries looked. That would have been such a bad, bad thing because the game meant so much. In my opinion, India v Pakistan is bigger than the Ashes.

"But Wasim came over and told me not to worry. He said he knew I would put it right if I did my best and that he knew we would win. Wasim has brought us all together. You can see that when we get together in a small circle at the start of the play, to show that we are all motivated to play for each other. Our heads will never go down."

for Sachin Tendulkar af-He is determined not to alter his way of life. "I think it is important that I do not change," he said. "It is not right to grow too far apart from the common man. I do not want other people to do all my things for me. That is why I press my own clothes, for example. I do not want anybody to think that I will suddenly grow a big head."

County puzzled by turn of events

BY PAT GIBSON

LANCASHIRE are hoping that they are not about to be-come involved in a tug-of-war with the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka for the services of Muttiah Muralitharan, the conroversial off spinner, next season.

Muralitharan has signed a contract agreeing to join Lan-cashire within 48 hours of Sri Lanka's last involvement in the World Cup — which could be any time between their final group match on May 30 and the final on June 20 - until the first week in September, when they start a three-Test series

against Australia. Now Thilanga Sumapitha-la, the Sri Lanka board president, has said that Muralitharan will be denied permission to play for Lancashire because they want him to rest. "Initially, Lancashire wanted him for six weeks, but now they want him for eight, which overlaps with the first Test against Australia," Sumapithala said.

What difference does two weeks make, as long as he's back for the Test?" Jack Simmons, the Lancashire chairman, countered. "I find that a little bit hard to understand and just wonder whether the Sri Lanka board have got a little bit annoyed with the goings on in Australia and thought they would show a bit

England A have opted to strengthen their batting for the first match against Zimbabwe A at the Alexandra Sports Club in Harare today. Andrew Flintoff has been charged with the third seamer's role and England will play two spinners in Graeme Swann and Dean Cosker, with Swann reinforcing the batting at No 7.

of bite. I hope it will not come to a country v club issue, but, if it does, the ball will be in Muralitharan's court - and if he is still as keen to play for us as he has led us to believe, they should take that into consideration.

"It is not going to take any-thing out of him bowling for Lancashire. Sure, he is going to bowl a few overs, but he wants to bowl them. And I think that the image he will create playing for us will be good for Sri Lankan cricket."

Lancashire have still not heard anything officially from the Sri Lanka board and they are not exactly holding their breath. They have been trying. unsuccessfully, to contact it to secure Muralitharan's release since last August.

"We need their permission and have until April to get it," Jim Cumbes, the chief executive, said, "but the sooner it is put to bed, the better."

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ATHLETICS

Walker

passed

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drug test

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT DOUGIE WALKER, the Euro-

pean 200 metres champion

who returned positive A and B

samples from a drugs test in

December, passed a subse-

quent test six weeks later, it

will be revealed today. Nick

Bitel, the athlete's lawyer, said

last night that this develop-

Walker is waiting for a

doping panel to meet to decide

whether he has a case to

answer. He is adamant that he

has never taken performance-

enhancing drugs after a urine

sample carried out in an out-

of-competition test on Decem-

ber I indicated the use of

nandrolone, a banned steroid.

little surprised" that news of

the second test had come to

light - "but obviously it is

very good news for Doug." he

added. This is positively in

his favour, showing what we

have always said - that this is

After adverse findings had

appeared in Walker's Decem-

ber test, the UK Sports Coun-

cil carried out a targeted test on January 10. Bitel is adamant that the January test

would have a bearing on the

carlier one, because, he said.

there was evidence that nandrolone can last in the

"We think this is good

supporting evidence, that

whatever it was that gave this

false positive, it was not

nandrolone, which was the

banned substance, or any

other banned substance.

These sort of metabolites can

come in a number of different

ways. They are naturally occurring, they come from other products. They come

from meat ingestion. There is

a whole series of ways it which

they can be produced, but the

only one that lasts a long time

UK Athletics is expected to

have a panel in place to consid-

er Walker's case on February

in the body is nandrolone."

hody for many months.

a false positive."

Bitel said that he was "a

ment "greatly strengthened

Walker's case to be cleared.

RUGBY UNION

Wales on wing and a prayer with Robinson

By Mark Souster

GRAHAM HENRY pulled a rabbit out of the hat yesterday when he awarded a first cap to Marthew Robinson, the Swansea wing, for Wales's opening match in the Five Nations Championship, against Scot-land at Murrayfield on Saturday. Wales can only hope that the rabbit does not get startled in the headlights of international rugby.

Robinson's rapid elevation after barely a season at Swansea is indicative of the problems that Henry has had to contend with on the right wing. With Gareth Thomas unfit, Anthony Sullivan untest-ed and leuan Evans resisting overtures to return, the Wales coach had few options but to turn to a player whom he believes has all the basic qualiries, if not the experience.

Henry admitted that Robinson had "come out of nowhere", but said: "All players have to win their first cap some time. I think he plays with some spark and he has all the basic ingredients." Henry had offered a clue on

Saturday when Robinson, 25, was pulled out of his club's SWALEC Cup fixture against Newport. Even then, it was felt that the Cardiff-born player would be named on the replacements' bench, with Allan Bateman, who missed both autumn internationals after

TEAM

WALES: S Howarth (Sale), D Jaines (Pon-lypridi), A Bateman (Richmond), S Gibba (Swarsea), M Robinson (Swarsea), N Jenkins (Ponlypridi), R Howley (Caudi), captari), D Morris (Swarsea), J Hasti-phreys (Cardin), D Young (Cardin), I Gough (Ponlypridi), C Wyest (Lenell), C Charvis (Swarsea), M Williams (Ponly-pridi). S Guinnell (Lanell), Reptace-ments: K Morgan (Ponlypridi), M Taylor (Swarsea), D Llemellyn (Erbw Vale), G Lenis (Ponlypridi), M Voyle (Lanell), C Ansthory (Swarsea), B Williams (Rich-mond)

shoulder surgery, drafted in as an emergency wing. That would have enabled Mark Taylor to continue his successful club partnership at centre with Scott Gibbs.

However, the unfortunate Taylor, who impressed against South Africa and

Bath pose challenge to victorious Ulster

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

ULSTER, enjoying to the full their new status as European Cup-holders, have been invited to play a challenge match against Bath, who won the trophy in 1998 but were unable to defend it this season because of the English boycott of the competition. However, like other commercial offers that have come their way, the Ulster management will allow time to reflect on their recent

popularity. "A game with Bath at Ravenhill - which is what they have offered — would be a lovely thing to do," Michael Reid, the Ulster chief executive, said yesterday. "It's a very genuine offer from a club who have supported the Euro-pean idea and know what it's like to win the cup. We will take their offer seriously, but we need a few days to take

Bath are no longer involved in the Tetley's Bitter Cup, their erstwhile standing as perenni-

THE rest avoided the two

teams that they feared most

when Leeds Rhinos and

Wigan Warriors, the Super

League grand finalists last

season, were last night drawn

to meet in the fourth round of

John Monie, the Wigan

coach, said: "It's never really

worried me when we come in.

but I'd have preferred a draw

other than this one." Although

Leeds won their two league

meetings. Wigan had the edge

when it mattered more in the

play-offs and the final itself.

when they triumphed 10-4 at

Old Trafford last October. In

their previous meetings in the

the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

al favourites having passed to Leicester. The draw for the quarter-finals will take Leicester back to the Madej-ski Stadium to play Richmond over the weekend of February 27 and 28, where they won 23-II in the Allied Dunbar Premiership last week. Gareth Rees and Alain

Penaud presided over the draw. Rees doing better for Wasps, his club, by keeping them at home, whereas Penaud gave his Saracens side, holders of the cup, the daunting task of a visit to New castle Falcons. Since the French fly half also dispatched London Irish, the first division's form side, to Wasps, he could be said to have neutralised Rees's efforts, but Penaud needs no reminding that, back in October, Saracens lost 43-12 away to Newcas-

DRAW: Richmond v Leicester, Wasps v London Insh, Newcastle Falcons v Sara-cens, Gloucester v Harlequins ☐ Tes to be played Fabruary 27 or 28

cup, Wigan were easy winners

in the 1994 and 1995 finals. The

bookmakers made their feel-

ings known when they immedi-

ately installed Wigan as 9-4 fa-

DRAW

FOURTH ROUND: Featherstone Lons v Halitax Leeds v Wigan, Walasheid v Batley, Bradlord v Workington, Rochdale v York, Whitehaven v Lancashire Lynx, Castletord v Hull, Barrow v Leigh; Warmigton v Feather-stone, Safford v Sheffield Leigh MR v Hull KR; Oldham or Eccles v Dewsbury, London v Doncaster, Hurstell v St Hefers, Hudders-Safd v Swinton, Widnes v Keighlay

Ties to be played on February 13 or 14

harm Bullets 84 Milton keynes Loris 82. Tharnes Valley Tigers 120 Worthing Beers 100; Menchester Glants 91 Newcastle Ea-gles 83 Abendonad: Chestor Jets v Corby Storm

tion, with Leeds at 5-1.

vourites to win the competi-

RUGBY LEAGUE: HEAVYWEIGHTS THROWN TOGETHER IN FOURTH-ROUND DRAW

Warriors face clash of the titans

By Christopher Irvine

Argentina, has been dropped to accommodate Bateman in his natural position. Henry described the decision as the hardest that he has had to make since his appointment. A delighted Robinson, who

is flying his parents from Jamaica to watch his debut, said: "I have been told to do what I do best, nobody will ask for any more. If that is not good enough, then so be it." Robinson, who moved from Newport last summer, learns

his rugby as a fly half at King's College, Taunton, progressing through the ranks to comerset Schools and the South and South West under-18 group. He was equally adept at cricket - his prowess earned him a one-year contract with Somerset and a summer with Warwickshire before a back injury forced him to concentrate on rugby and a Masters degree in sports science at the Universi-

ty of Wales Institute, Cardiff. Gibbs has little doubt that Robinson will rise to the occasion. "He has got genuine enthusiasm for the game and has done well since being at Swansea." he said.

Altogether, there are five changes from the side that beat Argentina. As expected, Craig Quinnell, the lock forward, could not be considered because of damaged knee ligaments. Ian Gough, of Pon-typridd, partners Chris Wyatt n the second row and Darren Morris and David Young will prop, replacing Chris Anthony and Andrew Lewis. Whether Bryan Redpath, his

counterpart, will be fit to cap-tain Scotland must be doubtful. The Edinburgh Reivers scrum half has had intensive physiotherapy on an ankle injury. A final decision will be made this morning. If, as ex-pected, he is ruled out, Gary Armstrong is likely to assume his place and the captaincy.

Andy Ward may miss treland's game with France at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. He could not train with the national squad yesterday after suffering a kick just above the knee during the European Cup final. The Ireland XV is due to be named this afternoon, but Mark Blair, Ward's provincial colleague, has won promotion already to the second row for the A international with France on Friday.

Graham Murray, the Leeds

coach, received the news at the

Rhinos' week-long training

camp in Lanzarote. "Wonder-ful," he said. "I don't know

whether to tell the players be-

draw also haunted Sheffield

Eagles, the surprise victors

against Wigan in the final last

year, when they drew an away

tie at Salford Reds in a repeat

In a third all-Super League

of their semi-final in 1998.

The ramifications of the

fore or after dinner."



The spectator who constantly shouted abuse at Woods is bundled to the ground by police in Arizona on Sunday

Guarding against maniacs

moments of crisis in any round. A curl-ing. 3ft, downhill putt to win the match. A teeshot that requires the ball to be moved from right to left, when there is a strong wind blowing from left to right. A pitch over a bunker from an

early, grass-free lie. Yet the very essence of golf is that it is a quiet, pastoral game. The click of a ball as it leaves the face of an iron, the gasp of a crowd at the strength or accuracy of a stroke, the roar that greets a hole in one — these are the sounds of golf. Ugly crowd scenes and poor sportsmanship may be present in other sports, but golf has prided itself on being, by and large, free of these blemishes.

So the news from Arizona is disturbing. Tiger Woods, who attracts more speciators than any other golfer, was heckled by a spectator carrying a gun in the last round of the Phoenix Open on Sunday. Rocco Mediate won the tournament by two strokes from Justin Leonard. Woods was three strokes behind Mediate.

Heckling in golf is as old as the gutta-percha ball. The great Bobby Jones felt it necessary to counsel spectators at the Masters as to the way to behave. When Harry Vardon and Ted Ray competed in the United States

of difficulty for the two ama-

teur survivors. Featherstone Li-

ons, who have reached the

fourth round for a second

year, have a home tie against

Halifax Blue Sox, while Leigh

Miners Rangers also have

home advantage against Hull

Kingston Rovers, the first

Kevin Iro could miss St Hel-

ens's tie away to Hunslet after

undergoing an ankle opera-

tion in New Zealand. He said:

"It wasn't serious surgery but I

may need a little more recuper-

division title favourites.

A heckler caught carrying a gun has sounded a new threat

for golf. John Hopkins reports at the turn of the century, they

were aware that they were cocks of the walk in the world of golf and that some Americans wanted to see them turned into feather dusters. We should not be xenophobic about this, either. Spectators at Ryder Cups in Great Britain have been ill-behaved as their patriotism has got the better of them. There have been other

examples. During the US



Woods may have no option but to have an armed guard every time that he sets foot on a course in the future

FOOTBALL

City investors lift Royle

MANCHESTER City are hop-

ing to announce an invest-ment of up to £20 million in

the next two months, but insist

that it will not represent a take-

over banle at Maine Road. In-

stead, the money would be

used to strengthen the squad

and to clarify the sharehold-

ing of the Nationwide League

David Bernstein, the chair-

man, revealed yesterday that he is in talks with potential do-

mestic investors with a view to

securing a deal before the trans-

fer deadline this season. After

being relegated last season.

SKIING

WHISTLER, British Columbia: World Cup freestyle: Dual moguls: Men's final: 1, T Homey (F) 2 D Gaumei (Can.), 3, J Lameta (Fin) Women's final: 1, M Rosk (US) 2, P Bultachey (US), 3 S kerlooi (Can)

SNOOKER

TENNIS

second division club.

By Stephen Wood

of £7 million.

Montgomerie was the victim a concerted series of verbal assaults from hecklers. In the Forties, Lloyd Mangrum was telephoned after the third round of a tournament that he was leading and told that. unless he threw away his lead, he would be killed. Mangrum ignored the death

threat and won the event. Hubert Green won the US Open in 1977 even after officials had been telephoned during his last round and warned that he was about to be shot. In 1969, Gary Player narrowly lost the US PGA Championship after having a drink thrown in his face by

anti-apartheid protesters. Yet now the stakes appear to have been raised again because this is believed to be the first time that a spectator carrying a gun has abused a golfer. The spectator was told to quieten down by a policeman, but he became more noisy. He was arrested and released later.

Woods was not aware that the man was armed and, showing the strength of mind for which he is famous, has made no complaint. As the best-known golfer in the condemnation that he may have to have an armed guard with him every time he plays from now on.

B BOWLS: Five members of world, he has often been given protection, but it is a sad

the England team - David Holt, Simon Skelton, Mark Royal, Graham Hatherall and Ian Bond — have qualified for the final stages of the Warners EIBA ampion of Champ singles tournament, which will be held at Gunton Hall, near Lowestoft, on March 20

and 21. **E SQUASH:** David Evans. the five-times champion of Wales, has withdrawn from the national championships in Manchester this week after aggravating a groin

injury during his encounter with Peter Nicol, the world No L in the Tournament of Champions in New York. RACKETS: Mark Hubbard.

the professional at Radlev clude the 26 per cent stake of College, defeated Neil Smith. the family of Stephen Boler. the world champion, 3-2 in the former leading shareholdthe semi-finals of the SG er who died last year, at a cost Asset Management Sebastien Perez, the Blackprofessional singles burn Rovers midfield player, championship at Eton. has returned on loan to Bastia. However, he lost to Toby the French club that sold him

to Blackburn last summer. Ugo Ehiogu, the Aston Villa the final. defender, will be out of action **耐 CYCLING:** The 2000 Tour for at least a month with a de France will start from the fractured eve socket, sustained Futuroscope theme park in the game away to Newcasnear Poitiers. Plans to start on the Caribbean island of Alan Kelly, Ian Harte and Guadeloupe have been Lee Carsley are all back in the Ireland squad for the interna-

tional match against Paraguay at Lansdowne Road a

tle United on Saturday.

guay at Lansdowne Road a week (omorrow: IRELAND SQUAD w Paraguay, February 10; S Given (Newcaste United), A Kelly (Shethed United) D Irwin (Manchester United) J Konna (Backburn Rowers), I Harrie (Leeds United) S Staunton (Excepto), K Canningham (Wimbledon) G Breen (Covertry Cry) P Babb (Excepto), R Keate (Manchester United), J Meditiers (Blackburn Rowers), M Kinselle (Charlton Amleix), A McLoughlin (Porsmouth) L Carsley (Derby County), R Delap (Derby County), R Outen (Sunderland), A Cascartho (28 Nancy), R Keate (Workerbarngton Wanderes), D Duff (Blackburn Rowers), D Connolly (Workerbarngton Wanderes)

City are in need of financial support. Joe Royle, the manager, has had to sell players before being able to buy others since his arrival 12 months ago. The investments would in-

> Sawrey-Cookson, the Clifton College professional, 3-0 in

shelved because of logistical problems. Futuroscope has hosted Tour stages eight times.

TENNIS: The funeral of John Oakley, the long-serving tennis writer of the Press Association, who died on Saturday, aged 70, is to be held at St Paul's Church. Crawley Ridge, Camberley. at 3pm on Friday, followed by a wake at the Frimley Hall hotel.

ation time. I'd had trouble with the ankle last season and tie. Castleford Tigers will enterhad some pieces of floating tain Hull Sharks, while the bone chips removed." draw ensured varying degrees

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etts Lock bi Havering 72-67, Charwell bi Desborough (Maidenhead) 80-78, Swindon Westlecol bi Tarwooth 81-61; Cambridge Park bi Chystal Palace 30-70. Egham bi Chawton Pail-111-58, Folkestone bi Angel Tornbridge 101-61. Worthing bi East-bourne 81-72, Moordeel bi Solent 84-68, Taunton Deane bi Northavon 97-73, Teign-bridge bi Phymouth Maylfower 89-73.

FOOTBALL

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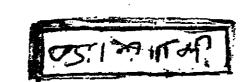
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TELEVISION CHOICE

Julian Muscat reviews an eventful Australian Open

More spice than substance

opera than a grand-slam tournament. There was a near-muuny over drugs among men and further evidence that the leading women are increasingly divorced from reality. Then there was Amelie Mauresmo. allegedly described as "half a man" by Martina Hingis, the self-proclaimed Spice Girl of

The 1999 Australian Open was a tabloid tournament. Venus Williams's falling beads took precedence over falling seeds and there was the surreal sight of Petr Korda, unpunished after testing positive for a steroid, defending the title that he won 12 months earlier. It was somehow appropriate that the star of the circus was a Russian: Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the men's singles champion.

Hingis, 18, was at once the biggest winner and loser. Her public comments sometimes demeaned her achievement in landing her third successive title. She is fast becoming the catty soap queen, a veritable cartoon of the character who. two years ago, enchanted the world with her zestful youth.

Hingis flatly denied the "half a man" comment. A day later, she denied having apologised to Mauresmo, insisting:

Hill sets

sights on

keeping

pace with

leaders

By KEVIN EASON

added act of confidence from

Eddie Jordan and Damon Hill, who speculated on the possibility of winning more races with his Jordan team, to add to the maiden win he achieved in the Belgian Grand

The biggest trick will be to make it happen. Eddie Jordan

spent seven seasons in

Formula One before that

debut victory, which came in

the rain and mist of Spa-Francorchamps, and bitter experience has taught even the garru-

lous Irishman better than to talk up his chances before the

wheels of his spectacular

of last year, for it now knows how to win. Hill, the world

champion in 1996, had brought the experience of victory to a team that had been starting to think that it might

never happen, in spite of its

technical brilliance and sub-

stantial funding from Benson & Hedges. Some speculated

that Hill might be past his best, but Jordan said yester-

day that his driver is excited

about the prospect of a new season in a car with a powerful new Mugen Honda engine and a sleeker bodyshape.
"So many people said that

Damon was making a mistake

coming to drive for Jordan,"

Jordan said, "but he proved

everybody wrong. He an-

swered their criticisms on the

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vellow cars have turned. The Jordan team of 1999 is significantly different to that

The venue was the Lon-

don Palladium and the

top turn a magician who made Jordan's new Formula One car appear from behind a huge green curtain. The conjuring came with an

Mauresmo's version? Yes. Hingis had apologised. As Hingis persists with her foolish course, her audience is left agog. The sweet teenager is turning sour; the kitten is now a cat with claws. Let's not be too hard on her, though. After all, she has been encouraged along her way by the Women's Tennis Association

(WTA) Tour. For 12 months, the WTA has heavily promoted its teenage spice. Kournikova was its focus last year and now that she has backed away "to concen-



Mauresmo: a muscular but unassuming talent

trate on my tennis". Hingis has gladly filled the breach. Pictures of a scantily-clad Hingis up a tree: pictures of Hingis, the Lady In Red, kicking sand at photographers. At this tournament, however, Hingis, the teenage fantasist, collided with real life, represented by the 19-year-old Mau-

Thoughtful. unassuming and unashamedly lesbian, she handled herself with considerable aplomb. It was only on her return to Paris yesterday that she spoke out. Hingis's words were "an unpleasant joke", she said. "It was stupid of her." Moreover, she attributed her excellent results to the regular courtside presence of Sylvie Bourdon, her girlfriend. "I felt liberated and it showed in my game. There are dozens of other players like me who say nothing, are often ill at

ease and even unhappy."

Definitely ill at ease was Korda, who hid conveniently behind the ongoing legal process that resulted from the positive test that he submitted at Wimbledon. His presence ended by a third-round defeat was a travesty for which the game's anti-doping pro-gramme was responsible.

The Czech won the latest

MOTOR RACING: FORMER WORLD CHAMPION CONFIDENT THAT JORDAN WILL MAKE PRESENCE FELT

Korda: tainted by drugs controversy

round of legal jousting when the High Court ruled that the

International Tennis Federa-

tion (ITF) was not entitled to

appeal to the Court of Arbitra-

tion for Sport. The ITF has 24

days to ponder a further ap-

peal. The chances are that it will draw stumps, as it should.

The anti-doping programme

should be torn up and redraft-

ed to ensure that players test-

ing positive for "class one" sub-

stances, such as nandrolone,

On the court, Kafelnikov progressed stealthily while oth-

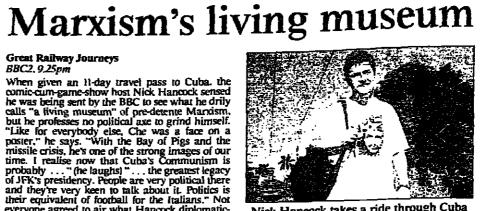
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are banned immediately.

Sampras, only five of the 16 seeds reached the fourth round, where they are projected to collide.

Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski were not among them. Rusedski lacked confidence after a poor start to the year, while Henman underperformed against Marc Rosset and must rebound strongly over the next two months if he is to advance his world ranking. Rusedski must do likewise, for he is due to defend a sackload of ranking points gained over this period 12 months ago, when he was a winner in Antwerp and a finalist in both Split and Indian

Alex Corretja and Carlos Moyà, the Spaniards who contested the Association of Tennis Professionals Tour championships final in Hanover, both failed spectacularly, leaving Kafelnikov as the most likely short-term threat to Samoras's perennial dominance. Whether Sampras can afford to take too much time away from the game and still rule is open to question. He returns in San Jose, California, later this month, but the real test will come when he steps forward to defend his Wimbledon title.



Nick Hancock takes a ride through Cuba in Great Railway Journeys (BBC2, 9.25pm)

brought a voyeur ingredient to their sex. "a danger-ous game" they agree. Bailey verifies the venerable aspect of permined adultery with a widow's account of volunteering to share her husband many years ago. Says producer Frances Berrigan (the programme is made by women): "People are interested in exploring the swinging idea. They want to have a permanent relationship but find moreography difficult." monogamy difficult."

Short Stories: Full Metal Backpack Channel 4, 11.20pm

For cocky kids, the holiday destination is South-East Asia. Heads full of The Deerhunter and Apocalypse Now, they are the targets for a tourist economy whose chief asset is war glamour. Two Scots lads out to get a GI helmet "the coolest thing out of Vietnam') are intercut with other travellers in this somewhat shaming essay by Dimiri Doganis, who also filmed it all. You are balefully reminded that one of modern life's worst nightmares is the British abroad. The couple nightmares is the British abroad. The chapte burnning their way from bar to bar in Cambodia, patronising their hosts as they go, ought to be changed by seeing themselves on television. At least the earnest war romantic is made a little rueful by his experience: "It's slightly disappointing to come all this way and still be yourself." But you feel they all deserve their sense of letdown.

W. Stephen Gilbert

Fiona "incorporate other people into their sexual relationship" though stopping short of penetration (they say). As so often in such arrangements, she inclines to resentment while he is always up for it. Oh, and he manages a club for fetishists. An older couple give sex dinners. A third couple have

Afternoon Play: The Dressmaker Radio 4, 2.15pm

Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 9,25pm

everyone agreed to air what Hancock diplomatic-ally calls their "disquiet" on camera. "The blockade is the worst thing for them." The crew

frequently had to improvise. "I'm glad we didn't go there with a plan of what film we wanted to make

Not all of us are house-proud. "I don't see the point in cleanin' up," says one self-confessed slob "cos only I use it," Believe me, you wouldn't want to use

this place, even as a dump. "I think you've been conditioned," a student tells her flat-mates conclusively. "You're turning into your mums." This three part series from the Video Nation stable eschews the middle way between squalor and

sterility. "I do not wash up," declares a woman drowning in debris. "I do not scrub..." All those who cleave to their crud are caught between defensiveness and defiance.

Open marriage is hardly new, but the pitch for Joanna Bailey's documentary would seem to be that it's a contemporary phenomenon. Andy and

Swingers: Faithful to You In My Fashion

because we would never have made it."

Coming Clean: A Mug's Game

BBC2, 10.15pm

1TV. 10.40pm

London, October 1949: Jamaican dress designer Jean Edwards has been worn down by the twin effects of rejection by the London fashion houses and a nightly trek into the City of London to clean offices. Jean (Angela Wynter) has come to Britain on the Windrush to escape the constraints of her localized been and surgery and described to the constraints. Jamaican home and pursue a dream to be a designer. Every day she wears clothes she has designer. Every day she wears clothes she has designed and made herself but there is no progress. She is close to giving up and going home, only to get a letter saying that her father is ill and cannot work: "We depend on you now, Jean..." Then Jean meets an American jazz singer (a fine performance by Josette Bushell-Mingo) who proves to be just the clothes hanger Jean needs.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00pm Keyin Greening 2.00 Mark Radclife 4.00 Chrs Moyles 5.45 Newsbeal 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Steve Lamaco: The Evening Session 10.00 Digital Update 10.10 John Peel 12.00am The Breezeblock 2.00 Emma B 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00pm Jimmy Young 2.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Alan Freeman: Their Greatest Bits 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 Stopence for Superman. Bob Monkhouse and Denis Giltord present the slory of Brish comics 10.00 Susan Jeffreys Says Make It a Double (5/6) 10.30 Richard Allinsons 12.00am Katrina Leskanich 3.00 Mo Dutta

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell. Includes news from the closing stages on England's one-day game against Australia in Adelaide 12.00pm The Midday News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 The

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

Tuesday Match Coverage of the right's top football action 10.00 Late Night Live with Nick Robinson 1.00am Up Ali Night TALK RADIO

6.00am The Big Boys Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00pm My Favourite Year 1.00 Anna Raeburn 3.00 Peter Deeley 5.00 The SportZone 7.00 Eubank's People 8.00 James Whale 1.00am fan Colins and the Creatures of the Night

VIRGIN 6.30em Chis Evans 9.30 Mark Forrest 1,00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Hamet Scott 6.45 Pater and Geoff 10.00 James Memit 1.00em Steve Power 4.30 Richard Allen

6.00am On Air with Petroc Trelawny, includes Haydn (Overture to Acide e Galatea); Saint-Saens (Cello (Overture to Acros e usalatea), usala usala Sonata No 1)
Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Schubert (Two Schero, D593); Mozart (Clamet Quintet in A. K581), Schubert (Piano Sonata in F sharp minor, D571, Unfinished); Tchaikovsky (The Nutcracker,

D571, Unfinished): Tchalkovsky (The Nutcracker, excerpts)

10.30 Artist of the Week: Julia Varady

11.00 Sound Stories: Clerics Richard Baker explores the life and work of Martin Luther

12.00pm Composer of the Week: Listst

1.90 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert A song rectal of settings from Goalhe's Faust live from Belfast to mark the two hundred and lifteth anniversary of Goethe's birth. Calherine Pierard, soprano, Henry Herford, bartione, Julius Drake, piano

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano. Rossini (Overture: The Theving Magpie). Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat): Delius (The Walk to the Paradise Garden, A Village Romeo and Juliet): Eliger (Symphony No 2 in E flat)

4.00 Volces A recital of German romantic songs given by lan Bostndge (r)

4.45 Music Machine with Tornmy Pearson

RADIO CHOICE

Behind The Brain Radio 4, 9.00pm

The start of a new series that promises to be highly stimulating and, as a bonus, provide us with questions with which we can forment family and friends over dinner: as a starter, if a person counted the number of cells in the cortex at the rate of one per second, now long would it take? Answer: 32 million years. So the human brain is pretty big, in its small way, and is far better than anything produced by Microsoft. Tonight's opener explains what is meant by consciousness and why understanding matters. The presenter, Geoff Watts, and the producer, Rami Tzabar, have taken a deter-minedly non-scientific approach in the sense that explanations are related to ordinary experience rather than academic theory. Peter Barnard

BBC WORLD SERVICE

S.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Outlook 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 Performance 8.20 Oif the Shalf. Salas Marmer 8.35 Discovery 9.00 World News 9.05 The Moonstone 9.20 Inspiration! 9.50 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Britain Today 10.45 Good Books 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Ormibus 12.00pm World News 12.05 Outlook 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Discovery 2.30 On Screen 3.00 World News 2.05 Sports Round-Up 3.15 Westway 3.30 Everyworman 4.00 World News 4.15 Insight 4.30 Megamix 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Rusin ess Report 5.45 Sports Round-Up 6.00 World News 8.15 Britain Today 6.30 Ormibus 7.00 World News 7.05 Discovery 7.30 Science Feedback 7.45 Off the Shelf-Salas Marmer 8.00 Newshour 9.00 World News 9.05 World Business Report 9.20 Britain Today 9.30 Mediden Live 10.00 World News 10.15 Sports Round-Up 10.30 Megamix 11.00 World News 11.05 Outlook 11.45 Insight 12.00am The World Today 13.0 On Screen 2.00 The World Today 2.30 Worlen Who Dated To Speak 3.00 The World Today 3.20 Sports Round-Up 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 1 5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Outlook 7.55

CLASSIC FM

6.00em Nick Bailey's Easier Breaklast. Soothing music and information updates 8.00 Henry Kelly, Includes The Hall of Fame Hour and Record of the Week 12.00pm Lunchtime Requests Jane Jones introduces listeners' lavourite pieces of classical music 2.00 Concerto Mozari (Violin Concerto No 3 in G major) 3.00 James Crick, Includes regular information updates, Continuous Classics and Alternoon Romance 8.30 Newsught. Sport, finance and news updates, with John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven John Brunning introduces two hours of easy-fistening sounds 9.00 Everying Concert. Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor), Grieg (Sonata No 3 in C minor), Elgar (Violin Concerto in B minor), Kreisler (Schon Rosmann) 11.00 Mann at Night Music and conversalion for the early hours with Alan Mann 2.00am Concerto Mozart (Violin Concerto No 3 in G major) it) 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breaklast Show

RADIO 3

5.00 In Turne Sean Rafferty presents news from the world of music and the arts world of music and the arts
7.30 Performance on 3: Thesee The first complete
performance since the 18th century of Lully's
live-act opera, given last October in the Barbican
by students from various European conservatoires
conducted by the American Wittern Crinstic. They
gave their semi-staged performance in eight
European cities under the auspices of the
Furnisean Barronia Academy, American

gave that semi-staged performance in eight European Baroque Academy, Ambronay

10.15 Postscript: Outriders: Marc Karfan (2/5)

10.45 Night Waves Richard Coles talks to the novelist Edward White about his new life of Proust

11.30 Jazz Notes On the amiversary of Stan Getz's birth in 1927, the tenor savophonist Spike Robinson leads his Quarter in a musical Inbute

12.00em Composer of the Weelc Tavener (r)

1.00 Through the Night with Donald Macleod 1.00 Beethoven (Symphony No 2 in D, Symphony No 3 in E list, Eroica) 3.00 Schools: Playtime 3.15 Time to Move 3.35 Let's Make a Story 3.50 Chama Workshop 4.10 in the News 4.30 Hop, Skip and Jump 4.45 Anns a bhad 5.05 William Brade.

Consort music from the 1609 collection performed by Hesperion XX 5.40 Bach (Caritata No 23 Du Wahrer Gott und Davids Sohn)

RADIO 4

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith 6.00 Today with Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie 8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament 9.00 No Triumph, No Tregedy Disabled achievers from America talk frankly with Peter White (5/6) 9.30 The New Recruit New bookmaker Julie Bennett discusses her profession with an old hand (4/5) 9.45 (LW) Dally Service 9.45 (LW) Dally Service 9.45 (FM) Serial: Best American Essays: Reading Albud Nicholson Baker's account of his first public reading at the Edinburgh Book Festival 10.00 Woman's Hour Shella McClennon presents Helen Miren's audio dary from South Africa

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11.00 Nature: The Swamp insight into the natural life of a swamp in 11.30 Coming Afive The con-man Terry King has a head-to-hasid with Harry Howard, the master of crine and punshment in his neighbourhood 12.00pm (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 12.00 (FM) News 12.04 You and Yours Topical consumer news and investigations, with Tride Rawlinson and Mark Whittaker

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1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke

1.30 My Mistress Music New series about notorious mistresses, starting with the singing and dencing star Net Gwyn, who became the King of England's concubine (1/5)

2.00 The Archers (r)

2.15 Aftermoon Play: The Dressmaker Bonnie Greer's tale of Jamaican fashion designer Jeen Edwards's quest for success. Starring Angela Wynter and Josette Bushell-Ming, See Choice

3.00 The Exchange 0870 010 0444 Eddie Mair assesses Islemers' opinions of a topical issue

3.30 The Speech Makers A transsexual has difficulty trying to sound more feminine (2/4)

3.45 This Sceptred Isle Anna Massey namates the history of Britain 4.00 The Learning Curve Consumer's guide to

4.80 The Learning Curve Consumer's guide to education
4.30 Shop Tells Presented by Heather Payton
5.00 PM with Clare English and Chris Lowe
6.00 Sh: O'Clock News
6.30 The Cheese Shop Presents: the Butter Factor Comedy sketches with Gerard Foster. Dave Lamb, Gordon Southern, Tim Verrinder. Ben Ward and Richard Webb
7.00 The Archers Neil hits the woodwork
7.15 Front Row Francine Stock reports on Hideous Kirky, Kale Winsel's Irist liftin since Titanic
7.45 Speaking for Themselves (r)
8.00 File on 4 Genry Northam reports on important issues and events around the world
8.40 in Touch Peter Winte with news for visually impared people

8.40 in Touch Peter While with news for visually implained people
9.00 Behind the Brain New senes Geoff Watts explores the greatest mystery in the science of the mind — human consciousness. See Choice (1/4)
9.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy (1)
10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lusting
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Sound of Triumpets Rik Mayall reads part seven of John Montmer's murder-mystery

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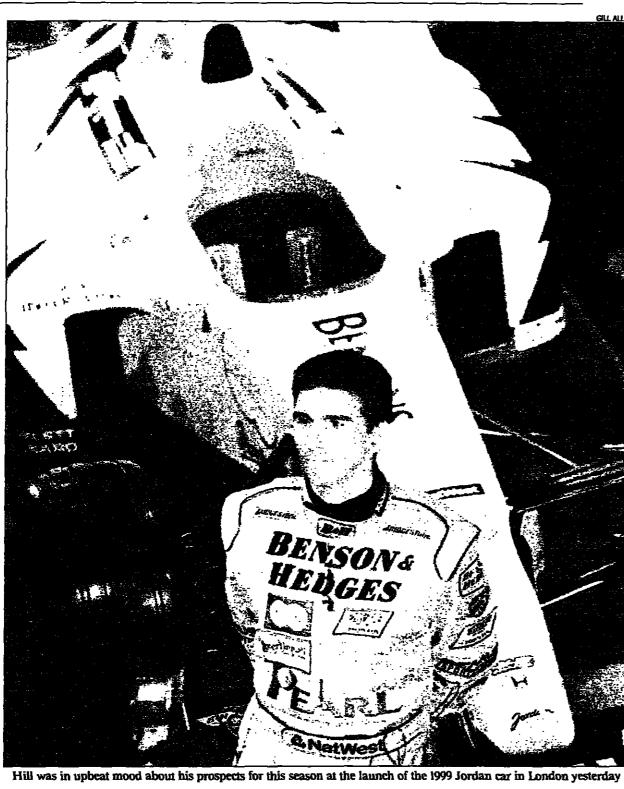
11.00 Late Night on 4: Angus Deayton's History of Atternative Connedy Angus Deayton presents a new senes looking at the alternative comedy stars of yesterday, today and fomorrow (1/4)

11.30 (FM) Talking Pictures Weekly guide to litims and film-going, with Brain Sibley II)

12.00am News 12.30 The Late Book: Lemona's Tale Adjos Andoh reads the second part of Ken Saro-Wiwa's novel set in a Nigerian prison

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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have done that, then you just have to move on and do it

Hill, 38, not only expects to win, but he wants a second

L = lower stopes. U = upper stopes

made some serious improvements if they are going to be ahead of us," he said. "I want to win more than one race this season. I want to be challeng-

> and I am more pumped up than ever for what lies ahead. "I want another championship and I feel we have a chance. It might be a slender chance, because we don't know what the other teams are doing, but, if we continue to improve at the rate that we improved last season, we will do well. We have to be realistic

I want to be challenging and harassing for places?

approach, but the confidence in the team has encouraged me enormously.

Hill is a vital ingredient, but the signing of Heinz-Harald Frentzen brings a driver who has won a grand prix and who stands the chance of being more relaxed in the family environment of the Silverstonebased team than he was under the intense regime that he expe-rienced at Williams.

Even with such confidence. the watchword for this Formu-

caution. McLaren astonished the sport last season with the margin of its dominance at the first grand prix and no team wants to tempt fate again. Even Michael Schumacher

is playing down his chances, in spite of Ferrari's insistence that his new car will be on the pace from the start of the first race in Melbourne on March 7. The German said: "My

chances of winning the cham-

pionship this year are probably 50-50. It will be similar to last year. I believe, with Ferrari and McLaren in the battle. but it will be closer, because we are all on the same tyres this time."

The closer it is, the more that Hill will enjoy the battle. for it will give him his best chance of the title since he parted company with Williams as the world champion in 1996.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

PINGUECULUM (b) A fatty deposit in the eye. It appears as a small, raised, yellowish area on the horizontal mid-line of the sclera (white of the eye) on either side of the cornea. It is non-pathological, but can THYRISTOR

(c) A transistor in which one of the three electrodes (the control electrode) initiates the main current flow between the other two. but does not limit it. The device is used as an electronic switch. **CURCULIO**

(a) A stout-bodied weevil of the beetle family. The best-known is the plum weevil. As you might infer, it attacks plums, apples, peaches and other fruit. Curculios hibernate on food rubbish. and in spring the female deposits eggs into holes that she has bored with a crescent-shaped cut nearby. Larvae emerge and pupate there for one month. CHONDRULE

(b) A small rounded particle embedded in most stony meteorites or chondrites. Chondrules are about Imm in diameter, and consist of silicate minerals, olivine and pyroxene. They were formed at high temperature as dispersed molten droplets before the planets accreted. It is unclear how they became molten.

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE 1 ... Rf1+! 2 Kg2 (2 Rxf1 Qxf1+ 3 Kh2 Qh3+ and mates) la One season so far has been 2 ... Qf2+! 3 Rxf2 R8xf2 checkmate



Docusoaps or fiction? Therein lies a tale

ow could we all have been so gullible? That's what Channel 4 wanted to know in Cutting Edge's Who's Been Framed? How were we so easily taken in by that smile, that air of paternal caring? Only Channei 4 wasn't talking about Tony Blair but about Stuart Smith and Victoria Greetham, the pair who duped a film crew making a docu-mentary called Daddy's Girl into believing that they were a very close father and daughter, when they were, in fact, lovers with just ten years between their ages.

Just hours before the film was due to be broadcast, Channel 4 pulled Edmund Coulthard's documentary ("It was a very effective, very clever scarn." Coulthard told us last night, still blinking slightly with disbelief. "Stuart's a very clever conman") when Victoria's real father saw Stuart on a trailer for the film and blew the whistle. After scratching its head for a while,

ingenious way of shedding some of its shame in public, whilst at the same time getting some use of the wasted film: it hired Riete Oord to make another documentary which showed just what a plausible conman Stuart is. It even tried to give it some sociological gloss by asking (nobody in particular) what makes people today so desperate for televisual fame that they'll even lie for months to a documentary crew just to get on the box?

You could see this as the sort of clever use of leftovers of which Mrs Beeton would approve. But you could also see this as the act of a man who - upon discovering that he has somehow bought less curtain fabric than needed to cover a window - decides to cut his losses by getting his tailor to run up a two-piece suit with the floral chintz, hoping nobody will notice that he's piling desperation on to disaster. To be fair, Peter Moore,

who commissioned the film for Channel 4, was not trying to pretend he was wearing anything other than floral chintz last night. "It wasn't the problem that I most enjoyed having to sort out," he drawled, making neither light, nor heavy, of the drama. "It was embarrassing."

He wanted to strangle the couple. but: "Colleagues persuaded me that it would really be improper for us to be anything other than generous." In his final submission to the judge's bench. Moore added:
They're natural actors, aren't they really?" He thinks they should just ioin the RSC and be done with it.

o who's to blame? Television, probably. Not Channel 4, or Peter Moore, in particular. But rather the bacterial culture of docusoaps which have convinced frustrated Oliviers that every citizen not only has an opportunity to shine on television, but may REVIEW



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have an inalienable right to do so. They witness the rewards of being a too-camp car clamper, or a hectoring manageress of a Liverpool hotel, or a ropey learner-driver, and think — why don't I have a go? But we — and Stuart and Victoria - are also all media-savvy enough to know what a television crew wants; we know what makes a story "sexy". This is why you can

without their insisting that you direct any approaches through their

Channel 4 may have been hoping that it could make a virtue of the fiasco by passing off the Smith/ Greetham hoay as an intriguing milestone in Post-Modern television. But it mostly looked as though it was trying to cover up a fake with floral chintz. Maybe Coulthard was just unlucky enough to be caught. Who knows? The manageress of the Adelphi might be a sweetheart really. Maybe Ray weeps bitter tears into his pillow every night, asking himself - why, oh why do I have to clamp

nice people's cars for a living?
Perhaps in a deliberate piece of scheduling designed to show us that it is not the first, or only, sucker to be taken in by apparently convincing appearances. Channel 4 last night also broadcast Riddle of the Skies, the first of three docu-

street even to ask them the time mentaries which seem to be aiming to prove to us once and for all that there are only so many filmed sightings of UFOs, which is why programmes about the possibility of extraterrestrial visitors all tend

to look the same. Sightings of similar grammes over the years have done nothing definitively to prove or disprove the existence of UFOs, and until the pendulum swings one way or the other there doesn't seem much to be gained by repeating the same film clips and argu-

hy doesn't the UFO industry die in the absence of evidence? Because UFO-watchers don't want it to. What the hoazer who devised crop circles found remarkable was not that people believed crop circles were the work of visitors from another planet, but that they continued to believe this even after he

them. Because we know Elvis is dead, we just snigger at reported sightings of him. But because we can't disprove that ET's among us. then the conspiracy-obsessed UFO industry flourishes. There probably is intelligent life elsewere in the Universe, but that doesn't mean it would want to visit us just because it knows where we are any more than you visit Morecambe just because you know where it is.

Strangely, the most chillingly authentic flavour of life in Britain could be seen in The League of Gentlemen (BBC2), a barkingly mad, Gothic comedy set in the northern town of Royston Vasey which paints a more recognisable portrait of certain aspects of Brit-ish life than many factual documentaries ever manage. But wait a second! What if the show's a big hoax? What if it isn't acted from a script? What if Royston Vasey actually exists? Now that's scary!

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6.00am Business Breakfast (12376) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (58005) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8381869) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (T) (4780444) 10.55 News; Weather (T) (6852208)

11.00 Real Rooms (6882685) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (6832444) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (1015531) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (29444) 12.30 Wipeout (1912573) 12.55 The Weather Show (T) (48588395) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (51192)

1.30 Regional News; Weather (47200463)
1.40 Neighbours Joel learns the truth about Sally's past (T) (25196918) 2.05 Ironalde The Chief witnesses an attack on a young woman. Detective drama, starring Raymond Burr (r) (3243579)

2.55 Body Spies Healthy fast food (5597869) 2.55 Body Spies Healthy fast food (5597869)
3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6410598)
3.45 The Enchanted Lands: The Adventures of the Wishing Chair (2397482)
3.55 Hububb (3437173)
4.10 Chipmunks Go to the Movies (3622208)
4.35 The Really Wild Show (5275463)
5.00 Newsround (2715531)
5.10 Grange Hill (6367173)
5.23 Resulted (7) (223288)

5.33 Rewind (T) (232869) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (455260) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (37) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (89)

7.00 Holiday Thelma Barlow goes for a Caribbean cruise aboard the largest liner ever built and lan McCaskill checks out the winter sun in Gren Canaria (T) (8314) 7.30 EastEnders Michael decides to come clean to Susan (T) (73)

8.00 Holby City A coma victim contracts pneumonia, leaving Doctors McKendrick and Collins to help her parents make an agonising decision. Starring Phyllis Logan and Dawn McDaniel (T) (762260)

8.50 8.50 to Paddington Green The auditions for Annie get under way — but lough going (3/6) (T) (842753) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News;

Weather (T) (1005) 9.30 Paddington Green After two years of preparation, Sameer Vaswani's rest-aurant finally opens (T) (74482)



Madeleine Stowe and Richard

10.00 Stakeout (1987) Cornedy thriller about a Seattle cop who talls for a suspected murderer's former girlfriend while maintaining a surveillance operation on her. Richard Dreviuss, Madeleine Stowe and Emilio Estevez star. Directed by John

Badham (1) (640327) 11.55 Flesh and Bone (1993) Atmospheric drama about a salesman whose life is changed by an exciting young woman he meets on his travels. Dennis Quald, Meg Ryan and James Caan star. Directed by Steve Kloves (T) (770227)

1.55am Weather (8999574) 2.00 BBC News 24 (5385715)

HTV

7.00am CBBC Bresidast Show: Little Polar Bear (3548918) 7.05 Teletubbres (6459260) 7.30 Secret Squirrel (6245227) 7.55 Blue Peter (9873050) 8.20 Taz-Mania (7337208) 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts (3316856) 8.50 Dake Doke (3305840) 8.00 German Stehn (602303) 8.40 9.00 German Globo (5033983) 9.10 Working It Out (1633127) 9.25 Techno (4126376) 9.45 Numbertime (1216753) 10.00 Teletubbies (45043) 10.30 Watch (2213647) 10.45 Science Zone (7266937) 11.05 Spece Ark (8748482) 11.15 Megamaths (9264258) 11.35 Words and Pictures (8922598) 11.50 History File (8909647) 12.10pm English Express (9979376) 12.30 Working Lunch (52260) 1.00 Oakie Doke (94561895)

BBC2

1.10 The Travel Hour (r) (9225647) 2.10 Sporting Greats Earnonn Holmes talks to Martin Peters (61371956)

2.40 News; Weather (T) (3633734) 2.45 Westminster (T) (2180376) 3.25 News; Weather (T) (3202294) 3.30 Turning Points (2383289)

3.35 The Natural World (r) (T) (2710208) 4.25 The Journey of Natty Gann (1985) A girl embarks on an amazing odyssey across Depression-era America to find her missing father. Directed by Jeremy Kagan (1) (29065032)

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air American

leen comedy (r) (T) (591024) 6.25 Heartbreak High (1) (915579)

7.10 The O Zone Whitney Houston talks about her first studio album for eight years and her career in film (T) (887753) 7.20 Ski Sunday Special Live coverage of the men's Super-G at the World Championships in Colorado (8560227)

8.30 Rick Stein's Seafood Odyssey Stell visits a beach in Queensland and prepares a spicy squid salad (T) (4111)



More vintage comedy with Eric

9.00 The Morecambe and Wise Show Emie throws a cocktail party (r) (T) (601869) 9.25 CROICE Great Railway Journeys Nick Hancock travels through Cuba by rail (T) (565005)

10.15 CHOISE Coming Clean: The Truth About Housework New senes. Three people reveal why they don't do housework (T) (617840) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (1) (513685)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (197314) 11.15 Seinfeld (T) (116579)

11.35 The Larry Sanders Show Beverly's pregnancy causes a stir (T) (989647) 11.55 Weather (404566) 12.00am Despatch Box (89116) 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University:

The Arch Never Sleeps 1.00 Soaring Achievements 1.30 The Secret of Sporting Success 2.00 Schools: Math-sphere Edits 4.00 The French Experience 5.00 Career Moves — Survival Skills 5.45 Open University: Climates of Opinion

no longer stop a passer-by on the

5.30am ITN Morning News (65956) 6.00 GMTV (8717050) • 9.25 Trisha (T) (5741395) 10.30 This Morning (T) (11648802) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7417531) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (T) (89314)

1.00 Shortland Street James gets his corneuppance (46260) 1.30 Home and Away Joey makes a momentous decision (T) (88685) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (1) (5159734) 2.45 Supermarket Sweep (1) (857208) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (1) (5002276)

3.20 HTV News (T) (8252799) 3.20 HTV News (1) (8252/99)
3.25 CITV: Mopatop's Shop (9402032) 3.35
Rosie and Jim (3442005) 3.50 The
Wombles (2389463) 4.00 Cow and
Chicken (6588395) 4.25 Mike and Angelo (3605531) 4.50 How 2 (7999444)

5.10 A Country Practice Tom discovers his ex-wife has had a baby (9507463) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (T) (780109) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (206444)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (588550) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (T) (298314) 6.25 HTV Weather (658918) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (85)

7.00 Emmerdale Mandy and Tricia come to blows (T) (3482)
7.30 WEST: West Eye View Current affairs reports from around the region (69) 7.30 WALES: Fishlock's Wild Tracks A visit

to Tenby (T) (69) 8.00 The Bill Boyden meets a pretty young woman at a nightclub, and ends up regretting it (T) (7173)

9.00 Peak Practice David lives on borrowed time with Patricia as his wife discovers he's been lying to her (5/13) (1) (7937) 10.00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (55869) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (496227)



Geoff and Kathy: celebrating swinging as a way of life (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE Swingers: Faithful To You In of three couples' non-monogamous sexual lifestyles (T) (289734)

11.40 WEST: Pleasure Guide Regional entertainment magazine (604444) 11.40 WALES: Anatomy of Disaster The damage caused by floods (325395) 12.10am The Making of Very Bad Things Feature on the cornedy thriller starring

Cameron Diaz (6372932) 12.46 The Haunted Fishtank (5984999) 1.10 Highlander MacLeod and Chartie come

to the aid of an Indian woman on the run with a baby (r) (7391680) 2.05 Planet Rock Profiles Footage Bristol's Massive Attack (7108628) 2.35 Wish You Were Here? (r) (T) (9491721) 3.05 Judge Judy (r) (T) (55854796)

3.25 Football Extra (r) (6361574)

4.45 (TV Nightscreen (1073999)

4.20 Coach (39837425)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except. 12.20pm-12.30 Central News; Weather (†) (3816463) 1.00 Headliners (5/6) (r) (46260; 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (†) (1910024) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (†) (858937) 3.20-3.25 Central News (†) (3252793) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9507463) 6.25-7.00 Central News; 'Weather (†) (298314) 7.30-8.00 Landiadies (3/6) (†) (69) 10.30-10.40 Central News: Weather (†) (1) (290314) 7.3074.00 Estimation (1) (1) (69) 10.30-10.40 Central News; Weather (T) (496227) 11.40-12.45 Renegade (164956) 4.15am Central Jobfinder '99 (T) (6457488) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (7725864)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.27 Westcountry News: Weather (T) (7417531) 12-27-12-30 Illuminations (8824482) 1.00 Emmerdale (f) (T) (46260) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (1910024) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away ii) (358937) 3.20-3.25
Westcountry News; Weather iii (252739)
5.08 Birthday People (5609269) 5.10-5.40
Home and Away iii) (9507463) 6.00-7.00
Westcountry Live (ii) (64005) 7.30-8.00 Wild West Country (3/5) (T) (69) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Westher (T) (496227) 11.40-12.10 Power Game (604444)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except. 12.15pm-12.30 Meridian News; Weather (7417531) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (T) (9507463) 6.00 Meridian and Away (1) (\$307403) 6.00 Metidan Tonight (1) (\$5) 6.30-7.00 Surprise Chefs (3/10) (85) 7.30-8.00 Wildlife SOS (69) 10.30-10.40 Meridian News; Weather (1) (496227) 11.40 Cyber Cafe (604444) 12.10am-12.40 Hope and Gloria (6372932) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (1) (74845)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except. 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8835598) 12.20-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (8816463) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (T) (9507463) 5.59 Anglia Weather (T) (206444) 6.00 Anglia News (T) (55) 6.30-7.00 About Anglia (85) 7.30-8.00 Liza's Country (3/6) (69) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (500111) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News and Weather (1) (496227) 11.40 Crime Night. (510666) 11.55 Go Fishing (2/6) (n) (633956) 12.25am-12.40 Soundtrax (6419512)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (r) (47971192) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (34415956) 9.00 Ysgolion: Science in Focus (93565821) 9.20 What the Papers Say (43704821) 9.30 ! (94533227) **9.45 Eritrea** (94521482) 10.00 The Number Crew (65018821) 10.10 TVM (20959024) 10.25 How We Used to Live (20938531) 10.45 Worlds of Faith (83161647) 11.00 First Edition (95883192) 11.15 Stage One (95806043) 11.30 Powerhouse (T) (40997937) 12.00pm Bewitched (T) (29807550) 12.30 Sesame Street (r) (T) (38452937) 1.00 Planed Plant (T) (34418043) 1.30 Roots to Success (T) (27032821) 1.50 FILM: Way of a Gaucho (T) (80959591) 3.30 Fifteen-to-One (T) (81369956) 4.30 Ricki Lake (T) (81358840) 5,00 Planed Plant (64839531) 5.30 Countdown (T) (81349192) 6.00 Newyddion 6 (T) (54651314) 6.10 Heno (f) (16527821) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (f) (64859395) 7.30 Newyddion (f) (81366869) 8.00 Y Sloe Gelf (f) (64868043) 8.30 Pengelli (T) (64847550) 9.00 Station X (3/4) (T) (35361573) 10.00 Brookside (T) (60549260) 10.35 Riddle of the Skies (1/3) (1) (22924294) 11.35 Short Stories (T) (63809753) 12.05am The Real Holiday Show (8/8) (T) (19930951) 12.35 Short Stories (26622574) 1.05 The Real Don Giovanni (T) (13751970) 2.05 Diwedd 4.00 Ysgolion:

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1.30 Earthscape The sloth (90840395)
1.35 The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw (1958)

Comedy wastern, stanting Kerneth More as an Englishman mistaken for a gunslinger (T) (38526043) 3.30 Hampton Court Palace (T) (63)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (98) 4.30 Countdown (T) (5269802) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (3823005)

5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (34) 6.00 Dishes Daling show (T) (47) 6.30 Home Improvement (T) (27) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (1) (940550)
7.50 Music of the Millennium The planist Joanna MacGregor (1) (579482)

8.00 Brookside (T) (7444) 8.30 Classic Aircraft A look at the vital role helicopters play (6/8) (T) (6879) 9.00 Station X The development of the

Bombe at Bietchley Park (3/4) (T) (5579) 10.00 Father Ted A raunchy novelist visits the island (r) (T) (46111) 10.30 Faking It TV hoaxes (T) (550734)



One of the young travellers in search of the spoils of war (11.20pm)

11.20 CHOICE Short Stories: Full Metal follows three very different sets of

travellers (T) (830647) 11.50 Dope Sheet (T) (104024) 12.25am Beyond Dope Sheet Introduction (2458116) 12.35 Body Projections (2743932) 12.45 LMX Spiral (7735777) 12.50 Heavy Stock A train journey (2764425) 1.00 Love Story Animation (6394883) 1.10 Salvage Montage of ads (5819116) 1.15 How to Get Rid of Information A restless night (6399338) 1.25 His Comedy (5847999) 1.30 Colour Box (6110203) 1.40 Motion Painting 1 (6149715) 1.50 23 Rue des Martyrs (8916241) 1.55 Within/Without (f) (6128222) 2.10 15th February / 2.15 Jumping Joan Evocation of a lonely childhood (T) (4899796) 2.25 Time Typographic sequence (8041280) 2.30 Improvision No 6 (4666593)

2.35 Jack Ahoy! (1934) Accident-prone Navy recruit Jack Hulbert proves his worth by rescuing the love of his life from Chinese parates. Walter Forde directs (1967319) 4.00 Schools: Science in Focus (26845)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport Current events 7.00 WideWorld Parl three. Mari Chase assesses gender differences in product design (i) (T) (6230043)

7.30 Milkshakel (3799717) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (3492869)

8.00 Havakazoo (r) (4268043) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (4267314) 9.00 Weather Front (r) (1950550) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (7685821)

9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6336005) 10.20 Sunset Beach Tyus confirms Michael is sterile (T) (1345598)

11.10 Leeza (4747821) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (4238802)

12.30 Family Affairs Mana makes a rash decision (i) (T) (9280376)
1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Ridge's return from Pans is delayed (T) (6239314) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertaining chat with the Emmy Award-winning comedian: 5 News Update (9289647)

2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5435376) 2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, incorporating real-life soap Liverpool Mums, Selling the Family Silver with Eric Knowles, and word game Cryptogram, 5 News Update (1088956)

3.30 Bye Braverman (1968) Four Jewish Inends reminisce about past adventures during a purney to pay their last respects to a recently deceased buddy Cornedy, starring George Segal Directed by Sidney Lurnet (T) (9072918) 5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T): 5

News Update (8443799) 6.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generaled quiz

6.30 Family Affairs Dave has a narrow escape (T) (6675173) 7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (5439192)

7.30 Wild Water The story of how a seal ended up with an enormous scar on his muzzle (T), 5 News Update (6605685) 8.00 Killer Weather America's worst weather catastrophes, including the story of a woman whose husband saved her life seconds before he was killed by a tomado, and a "storm chaser" struck by

lightning during a thunderstorm in Ohio (r) (T), 5 News Update (1527314) 9.00 The Vanishing (1993) A man becomes obsessed with his girlfinend's mysterious disappearance and embarks on an epic three-year quest to discover her whereabouts. Director George Sluizer's Hollywood remake of his acclaimed French psychological thriller, staming Jetl Bridges, Kieler Sutherland, Nancy Travis and Sandra Bullock, Directed by

11.00 Two Gus hitches with Walter and Sydney Quinn - landing him in yet more trouble FBI (7721956)

Sluizer (I); 5 News Update (1597173)

11.55 The Jack Docherty Show With The Drvine Comedy (7147111) 12.35am Live and Dangerous Action from the

AMA Supercross (34618406) 3.45 Asian Football Show Weekly round-up 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H The end of the

fete spells disaster (8052375). 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (9220932)

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Evans (57192) 8.30 Hollywood Squares
(74918) 9.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (69753)
10.00 Oprah Winfrey (40640) 11.00 Gultyl
(98376) 12.00pcm Jarry Jones (15753)
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(9519) 6.30 Dream Team (4869) 7.00 Simptons (7774) 7.30 Simptons (3753) 8.00
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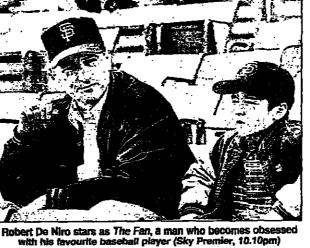
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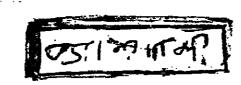
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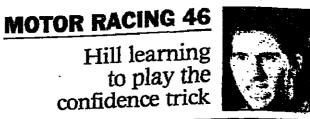


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Elway's triumph overshadowed by Prophet's demise

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Hill learning to play the confidence trick



Uncertainty over coach's future turns spotlight on Lancaster Gate

FA weighs Hoddle options

Rob Hughes on the candidates who might come into England consideration

AS THE lamps burnt into exation committee room at Lancaster Gate last night, and before Glenn Hoddle defends himself in front of them today. the exercise was being de-scribed as one of damage limitation. It is far more than that. When even the Prime Minister makes a qualified call for a football coach to go, then not only is the reputation of Glenn Hoddle at stake, but the leadership of the FA also depends

The senior members of the FA international committee. led by Geoff Thompson, a Yorkshire magistrate, were deliberating in effect not just Hoddle's immediate future but that of its own leadership. Thompson has to get this right. He is the acting chairman, he wishes to make the position permanent and only if the FA is correct in all that it does during this critical week will he achieve his aim.

It is difficult, to say the least. Not only have Thompson et al had just over one month to attempt to restore the propriety of England's name abroad after the enforced resignations of the chief executive and chairman, but now they are also aware of the moral outrage that Hoddle's words have caused well beyond the bounds of the football field.

Moreover, the committee has to decide who, if it is not Hoddle, will take charge of England for the match against France, the world champions. at Wembley next Wednesday and, even more important, the crucial European championship qualifying fixture against Poland on March 27.

more poisoned, or a challenge more coveted, than that of the England job? Whatever Hoddle believes is invested in the past. It is the future that engages us now — and, presumptuous as it is bound to seem, like rummaging through some-

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Pleat, the former manager of Tottenham Hotspur, would be an appealing candidate should the Football Association need to replace Hoddle

one's living room before they have departed, the question of the succession is inevitable. It will depend on three issues: timing, the limit of the FA's horizon and whether the England head coach is an appoint-ment for the short or the long

On the face of it, there is a ready and waiting to take at least temporary charge of the national team. Howard Wilkinson, "Sergeant Wilko" as his Leeds United players knew him, has a substantial C.V. He hails from Yorkshire, as does Thompson. He has been

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toughened by a family back-ground in mining, he is educat-ed through self-motivation to university standard. He is a philosophical man, who sometimes can lose an audience in his own deep and convoluted thoughts, but he lifted Leeds to the championship and, when he was dismissed, he left now blossoming under David O'Leary, the present Leeds

Maybe Wilkinson's time ran out at Elland Road, but he is now the FA's technical director and, possibly, a prophecy that was made over 20 years ago is about to happen. It was on a stormy Notts County training ground where Jimmy Sirrel, that cagey Scottish manager, introduced Wilkinson to me. declaring that he was an FA coach through and through and undoubtedly an England

> manager of the future. There can be no quarrel with Wilkinson, who already guides the youth of this country up to under-21 level, being the stopgap if the emergency demands it. However, to lament that there are no alternatives is untrue. The hire-and-fire carousel of football management is such that there is an appreciable list of capable managers waiting by

the telephone.
They include Terry Venables. He would be the players' man, the FA councillors' nightmare, but doubtless ready if

him the job. There is also, on football's version of the dole, Roy Evans, late of Liverpool and described from within that club as "a lovely man, but still of the back room". There is Roy Hodgson, who would have been in contention had the Hoddle affair fallen six months ago, when his star Rovers and when England's international committee was

grooming him. Hodgson succeeded with Switzerland beyond the sum of their parts, but at Internazi-onale, of Milan, and at Blackburn, the day-to-day demands exposed him, though players such as Tim Sherwood effectively got rid of their manager by failing to perform.

Also from Blackburn's recent past - and Liverpool's and Newcastle United's -Kenny Dalglish is available.

available candidates runs deep, with Dave Bassett, Frank Clark and, heaven help us, even Vinnie Jones willing to give it a go. doubtless could be persuaded, is David Pleat. He has the tactical nous, the ability to handle egos and the charm to cope with the mass media ... and, without question, the character to appeal to men in the

> shadows of the committee. Pleat long ago overcame the attempts to smear his personal reputation, after his first en-gagement with Tottenham Hotspur, and won more than half his games as manager at White Hart Lane, a ratio better than all the post-war man-

He may be a Scot, but from Busby to Shankly to Ferguson who can doubt that the Scots

know how to arouse the Sas-

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agers, including Bill Nicholson, and better by far than Ven-

What we can assume for sure is that Thompson, not only a man of the law but also an acting chairman who will attempt not to put one foot out of place, will not seek to lure away a club manager while he is in contract. Thus Alex Ferguson. Kevin Keegan and Arsene Wenger are off limits. And the long-term candidates, such as John Gregory or Bryan Rob-son, are similarly tied. But must it be an English-

man? To coach the England team, much more than at club level, requires understanding the English temperament. coaching the English talents, playing to Anglo-Saxon strengths. Yet 22 of the 32 coaches at the World Cup finals last summer are on the market, including Berti Vogts and Carlos Alberto Parreira. Also not engaged is Johan Cruyff, quarrelsome and expensive, but vastly influential in the modern game and with a yearning to coach in Eng-

If not him, if none of the above, then as a last, audacious suggestion there is Aimé Jacquet. He guided France to the ultimate trophy in football. he now has a job preparing the next generation of French footballers; but how saucy it would be if Jacquet were persuaded, as a one-off, to prepare England against France

Hartson hit by penalty of £20,000

JOHN HARTSON, the Wimbledon and Wales forward, has been fined £20,000 by the Football Association and suspended for three matches for his attack on Eyal Berkovic. his then team-mate, at West Ham United's Chadwell Heath training ground on September 27. Hartson admitted a charge of miscon-

Although the incident took place at a private training session, Hartson was summoned before an FA disciplinary committee after video pictures of the incident, showing Hartson kicking Berkovic in the head, were shown on Sky Sports and still photographs taken from the video footage appeared in national

"We regard the incident as clearly being within our jurisdiction because John was a professional footballer going about his duties and subject to our rules," Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said. Joe Kinnear, the Wimble-

don manager, who had ap-pealed for a "common sense" verdict but will now be without his record signing for three games from February 15, said: "I need some time to think about this. I didn't ex-

"It is a very harsh punishment in my view." Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said. "I fined John £10,000, but now they have

done this to him. Berkovic forgave Hartson and sent a letter to yesterday's inquiry. The two even kissed and made up on camera some weeks ago, the Wales international grabbing his erstwhile victim and planting an extravagant smacker, as opposed to a smack, on the Israel midfield player. Nevertheless, the FA. although accepting that the two players had gone on to train and play together and that no grudges were held. clearly felt that the images had been so damaging that official censure was re-

quired. "I was ashamed of what I did when I saw the pictures." Hartson said. "I have to control my aggression. This is

something I must do." Hartson has now equalled and set a record in the space of little more than a fort-

night. The fine equals the previous record fine imposed by the FA and the fee Wimble-don paid for Hartson, a club record, could rise to E7.5 million depending on the number of appearances that Hartson makes - a number always likely to be limited by suspension, in view of his poor disciplinary record.

Hartson was suspended for the final matches of last season after a dismissal in a match against Derby County and his absence may have cost West Ham a place in the Uefa Cup, of which they fell short by one FA Carling Premiership place. He earned his fifth yellow

card of this season for a trip on Frank Lampard in the game against his former club at Seihurst Park on Saturday, a game that Berkovic



Hartson: heavily punished

missed because of influenza. Hartson has 14 days to ap-

The news will probably increase Wimbledon's resolve in advance of the FA Cup fourth-round replay tonight against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane, their fourth game against the three weeks. Dean Blackwell, the central defender. and Andy Roberts, the midfield player, both of whom missed the West Ham game, are expected to return tonight. Carl Leaburn and Carl Cort stand by to replace Efan Ekoku, who injured a shoulder on Saturday, and Hartson, who is cup-tied.

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Job destined to end in failure No 1630

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he England manag-er's job? Do we not like that. Since its introduction in 1946. when Walter Winterbottom became the first man to hold appeal, but the judge at the

the post, it has brought opprobrium and criticism in equal measure. Winterbottom. the longest-serving national manlongest-serving national man-ager of all, eventually relin-quished the job after leading England to the quarter-finals of the 1962 World Cup. Even Alf Ramsey, the only

England manager to win the World Cup - in 1966 - paid a harsh price for relative failure. The 1-1 draw against Po-land at Wembley in 1973 that ensured that England would not qualify for the 1974 World Cup finals meant that Ramsey, despite his achievements, was subsequently dismissed.

The departure of Don Revie was the most ignominious of all In 1977, Revie had travelled secretly to Dubai to negotiate a lucrative contract to manage the United Arab Emirates instead of travelling with the England team on a tour of South America.

Suspended from English football for ten years by the Football Association, Revie had the han overturned on

The manager of the England team has all too frequently been a target for abuse, Nick Szczepanik says

hearing called his actions "a sensational example of disloyalty, breach of duty, discourtesy and selfishness" Under Ron Greenwood, the former West Ham United manager, the national side qualified both for the 1980 European championships and the 1982 World Cup, but in neither competition did Green-

blood of England managers.

The media attacks began to approach the present level of vitriol during the reign of Bob-by Robson. His early period as England manager was marred by indecision and failure to qualify for the 1984 European championships and. while his stoicism in the face of constant press criticism enabled him to reach the relative heights of the World Cup quarter-finals in 1986, his hair wood's charges live up to exturned progressively whiter. Although his 1990 team, the pectations and the press was beginning to get a taste for the best England side in recent

Taylor, left, and Revie, centre, suffered more than most, although Venables's reign was better received memory, came within a penal-ty shoot-out of the World Cup final, there had been intense criticism of his selection and team formation in the early rounds of the tournament.

Graham Taylor, who succeeded Robson after the 1990 finals, had to endure even greater abuse. Billed as a master of press relations, he will be remembered for a series of gaffes, most notably his advice to the nation that they should "put your feet up and watch us win it", before England failed to win a single match in the 1992 European follow, as Taylor ill-advisedly allowed a film crew to record his failure to reach the World Cup finals in 1994. "Can we not knock it?" and the immortal "Do I not like that" became his England epitaphs.

Terry Venables did better
than most. Only another pen-

alty shoot-out against Germany stood between his team and the final of the 1996 European championships, but question marks over his business dealings and the threat of legal action against him prevented his contract being extended. And that is where Glenn Hoddle came in . . .

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